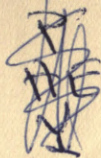


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PREFACE.

THE history of the Suppression of the English Monasteries has been often written, and diverse opinions have been expressed as to the justice and advisability of that great undertaking. On the one side we have Dr. Burnet and Mr. Froude stating that they had got into a very wretched state and it was high time they should be destroyed, whilst on the opposite side other historians, including Dr. Jessop and Dr. Gasquet, take the contrary view that they were most useful, full of charity, and that it was a great crime they should have been attacked.

It is not, however, in this Volume intended to enter into the discussion; we may only venture to express an opinion that if the dissolution had not taken place in the reign of Henry VIII., it would have come about sooner or later on account of the great riches the monasteries possessed and the rather dangerous quantity of land they held, the amount of which, although not exactly known, having been asserted to have comprised a third or perhaps a fifth of the whole land of the country.

What is proposed in these pages is to print in full all the letters in the State Papers now existing in the Record Office concerning the Suppression, with abstracts of the Acts of Parliament, and a short account of what happened in Yorkshire during the years the dissolution took place.

The Suppression of the Monasteries really commenced in 1524, when Cardinal Wolsey had authority from the Pope to dissolve St. Frideswide's Monastery at Oxford, and in 1525 to take some smaller houses and use their properties towards the building of Christ Church College, Oxford. The only abbey affected in Yorkshire was St. Mary's, York, which had a small cell at Romburgh in Suffolk. This was seized, although the Abbot of York protested in vain. (See letter, p. 1.)

About this time Henry VIII. had determined to divorce Queen Katherine and to marry Anne Boleyn. Much litigation ensued, and because he did not please the King, Wolsey got into disgrace and was dismissed from his offices. He died 1530.

It was after his death that Thomas Cromwell, to whom the destruction of the abbeys is chiefly due, came upon the scene. Born about 1485, and said to have been son of a fuller of cloth, he had led a very varied life till he was taken into the service of Cardinal Wolsey, who gave him the management of the suppression of the small houses and appointed him his secretary. Whilst with Wolsey, Cromwell seems to have attracted the notice of the King, who on the Cardinal's death at once employed him, and in the beginning of 1531 made him a Privy Councillor, in 1533 Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in 1534 the King's Secretary and Master of the Rolls.

Henry VIII. had now finally quarrelled with the Pope, and it is probable that by Cromwell's advice he determined to be Supreme Head of the Church of England, for which purpose an Act of Parliament was passed in 1534. For opposing this

policy several of the monks of the Charter House, London, Bishop Fisher, and Sir Thomas More lost their lives.

Cromwell having been concerned in the first dissolution no doubt next suggested that a large sum of money might be obtained for the Royal revenues if a further seizure of monastic property could be made. This idea must have so pleased the King that he gave a commission in 1535 to Cromwell for a general visitation of churches, monasteries, and clergy (p. 3).

Having obtained this commission Cromwell had to find persons to execute the work of visiting the monasteries; he therefore appointed as commissioners Dr. Richard Layton, Dr. Thomas Legh, Dr. John London, and John ap Rice. The two first, Layton and Legh, seem to have had the chief management in Yorkshire, and it is to them the great and unfortunate destruction was due. The following opinion about them, by Mr. Froude, can hardly be accepted: "Legh and Layton, the two principal commissioners, were young and impetuous men likely to execute their work rather thoroughly than delicately, but to judge by the surviving evidence they were as upright and plain dealing as they were assuredly able and efficient."

Layton soon began his work, proceeding to Oxford in July 1535, where he made some considerable changes, and afterwards to the West and South of England. About this time he wrote to Cromwell offering to visit the York Diocese (p. 3).

This offer must have been accepted, as he and Legh set off to the north the beginning of 1536, arriving at York in January. They at once became active, ordering about the Archbishop of

York, getting the Abbot of Fountains to resign and appointing a fresh one, persuading the Prior of Marton to surrender his house (p. 9). They then set off to make a hurried visit to most of the monasteries in Yorkshire, sending a report to Cromwell (p. 13). In the short space of time they spent their enquiries could not have been very valuable, but they drew up a list of the crimes and superstitions of the monks and nuns, which went by the name of "Comperta." This list is not entirely fit for publication, and was no doubt greatly exaggerated.

Whilst Layton and Legh were in Yorkshire a bill was brought forward in Parliament to suppress all the smaller monasteries having a less income than £200 a year. Very little information is extant as to the proceedings and whether there was much opposition, but there is no doubt that the King put on pressure, so the Act was ultimately passed and received the Royal assent. (Abstract, p. 19.)

Another Act followed to establish the Court of Augmentations and appointing officers, and 24 April 1536 the King made commissioners to take possession of the priories and convents, to sell the goods, and to seize all the jewels and plate, which were to be sent up to London.

It seems a little difficult to say exactly what happened to all the small houses during the year 1536, as they were not treated in the same manner, some few having special licence to continue. Marrick, Nunkeeling, St. Michael's, Hull, and Kirklees are mentioned as having a reprieve, which, however, did not last very long. Arden, Sawley, Coverham, Drax, Nun-Monkton, Easby seem to be among those that were earliest

attacked, whilst Arthington, Basedale, Esholt, with others, were not meddled with.

Many applications had been made to Cromwell by persons desirous of having a share of the spoils: Sir George Darcy asked for preferment of Swine, Sir John Nevile of Hampole, Sir William Gascoigne of Nun-Monkton, the Earl of Westmorland of Keldhome.

The dissolution of these monasteries was not generally popular; the people objected to see the buildings pulled down and the lands sold, the churches destroyed, and the monks and nuns oppressed. There may have been other reasons, but at any rate an insurrection commenced, first in Lincolnshire, which was not sufficiently supported, so it soon collapsed. In Yorkshire, however, there was greater enthusiasm, and a rising took place the beginning of October 1536, when Robert Aske was appointed leader. It is not necessary to go into the history of "The Pilgrimage of Grace," which came to an end in the early part of 1537.

Several of the abbeys had assisted more or less in the insurrection, so they consequently suffered. Bridlington and Jervaulx fell into the hands of the King, who ordered the Duke of Norfolk to take possession of them. There is much correspondence in the State Papers, which is duly printed. The Duke destroyed the beautiful shrine at Bridlington and sent its contents up with all other valuables to London. Most part of the buildings were pulled down, but fortunately a small part of the magnificent church still remains, which is now used as the parish church,

The King was so enraged at the rebellion and opposition to his laws about the smaller monasteries that he determined to suppress all the larger ones, which had remained undisturbed. Layton and Legh again offered their services to Cromwell to undertake the work (p. 48). As no Act of Parliament had been passed for this purpose, the commissioners were instructed to try to get the houses to surrender voluntarily and great pressure was put on them. This was slow work, and a long time elapsed before they were finally handed over to the Crown.

In December 1538 the commissioners reported that they had dissolved Monk Bretton, Byland, Rievaulx, and other monasteries, and in December the next year they advertised another batch, including Fountains and St. Mary's, York. An Act of Parliament was passed in the Session of 1539 in order to make it legal for the King to take into his hands all the lands and goods of the whole of the houses dissolved (p. 78).

There were further Acts of Parliament passed in 1540 to seize the lands of the Knights of St. John, and in 1545 to suppress all the hospitals, chapels, and chantries.

The last letter in the State Papers is in the year 1540. Cromwell, the great correspondent, had got into disgrace and was attainted and executed in July that year. After then any document connected with the monasteries will be found to have been transferred to the Augmentation Papers.

The second part of this volume contains a short account of the smaller priories in Yorkshire, which were suppressed under the Act of 1536. The number appears to have been about

forty-four equally divided betwixt the monks and the nuns. Some of the nunneries were very small and of little value, and were so completely destroyed that at the present day they are hardly remembered.

The information is chiefly taken from the Augmentation Papers at the Record Office in London. These are very voluminous, and, although it has been impossible to go through the whole of them, enough has been found to give a good idea of the procedure that took place at the dissolution.

As soon as it was decided to suppress a priory a receiver was appointed to take possession of the property. In a good many cases Leonard Beckwith and William Blythman had the charge. They began their work at once, and we have their reports dating from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 1535 to the same Feast in 1536. They say that they received the rents owing, that they had sold all the cattle and moveable property, taken possession of the jewels and plate, and had arranged for leasing the sites and lands. Arden was leased, 19 September 1536, to Thomas Welles; Drax, 20 July, to Sir Marmaduke Constable. These leases were for twenty-one years. It does not, however, appear that all the nuns were expelled at once, though we find at Clementhorpe Nunnery the commissioners arrived on June 13, and on 31 August 1536 the nuns were turned out and pensioned (p. 172).

This course of leasing the lands was not always continued, as after the time of the Pilgrimage of Grace a different plan was adopted. Cromwell no doubt found out that more ready

money was wanted, and probably suggested to the King that it would be more profitable to sell direct than to lease. Bridlington and Jervaulx had been seized, and no doubt brought much money. Applications for a share of the spoils had come in, and a fresh valuation was made by regular valuers. The officials of the court, and even the commissioners, as Layton and Legh, probably had the first chance, and much favouritism ensued. It is, however, a mistake to suppose that the lands were given away, although they were often sold very cheaply. The site of Kirklees Nunnery, with part of the lands, came to £987 15s. 7d. The large Priory of Bolton, and the chief part of the estates, were sold to the Earl of Cumberland for £2490. The present value of money would amount to ten times that sum.

Soon a regular traffic commenced, and rich persons like Sir Richard Gresham, William Ramsden of Longley, Sir Arthur Darcy, and others, became speculators. They bought large quantities of lands and then divided them up and resold at a profit. There is a book in the Augmentation Papers which contains "Requests to purchase." Offers were made, and if satisfactory to the commissioners regular grants followed. Although most of the monasteries had been surrendered in 1540, good parts of the lands were kept in the hands of the Crown up to the end of the reign of Henry VIII. Of the smaller houses we find that Esholt was granted to Henry Thompson 1 Edward VI., Hampole to the Duke of Northumberland 5 Edward VI., Charter House, Hull, to the Duke of Somerset 6 Edward VI. It might have been supposed that the alienation

of religious lands would have ceased in Queen Mary's reign, but Ralph Gower had a grant of the site of Easby 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, about which time many other sales were made, and others were made by Queen Elizabeth.

It had been intended to have worked out how the grants of the sites of the abbeys had descended to the present owners, but it was found to be an impossible task, as the most had been repeatedly sold and resold, and that the only information that could be obtained would be out of private title-deeds. It may, however, be noted that the Duke of Devonshire still represents the Earl of Cumberland at Bolton, Sir George Wombwell the Belasyse family at Newburgh, Colonel Chaloner Sir Thomas Chaloner at Guisborough, Sir W. Strickland the Cholmleys of Whitby, whilst Sir George Armytage, our President, owns Kirklees, which came to his ancestors' possession in 1565.

In conclusion I have to say that I am much indebted to the excellent Calendar of the "Letters and Papers of the reign of Henry VIII.," which contains abstracts of the letters in the first part, and references to the leases and grants in the second part. I have also to thank Mr. Francis Darwin, Mr. F. E. Musson, Mr. F. W. Slingsby, and Mr. R. B. Turton for information about the respective Priors of Arthington, Sawley, Skewkirk, and Handale; and Mr. S. J. Chadwick's "History of Kirklees Priory" in the "Yorkshire Archæological Journal."

If it was considered advisable at some future time, a second

volume might follow, giving a similar account of the Greater Abbeys, and also of the Preceptories, Friaries, and Hospitals, about which the present printed accounts are rather scanty.

JOHN W. CLAY.

ERRATUM.

P. 37, third line from top. *After* "lordshipe" *add*: "the sum of fortye poundes by yere whiche I have of youre lordshipe."

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1524. Cardinal Wolsey had authority from the Pope to take possession of some monasteries in England for the purpose of obtaining funds for establishing his college at Oxford. There does not seem to have been any house in Yorkshire suppressed, but Rumburgh Priory,¹ a cell belonging to St. Mary's Abbey, York, was seized. The Abbot of York protested, but without success.

The Abbot of York to Cardinal Wolsey.

20 Sept. 1528. Pleaseth your grace to understaunde, that I, your pore oratour, have lately receyvid certen lettres frome our priour of Romeburgh, with other of our brethren there beinge, by whose purpote I perceyve that your graces pleasure ys to suppressse the said priory of Romeburgh, and also to unite, annex and improper the same unto the churche of Saint Peters in Ispiswiche; and for the accomplishment of the same, as they wryte unto me, your officers came to the said priory the xjth day of the present moneth; and these, after the redinge of certen lettres, commissionall not onely of your grace, bot also of our holy father the pope, and of our soveraigne lorde the kynge, for the same purpose directed, intered into the same priory, and that done, toke away as well the goodes moveable of the said priory, beinge a membre of our monastery, and gyven unto us by Alen Niger, summe tyme erele of Richemound and our secounde refounder, by whose gyfte next unto the kinges grace we have had moost benefyttes, laundes and profettes gyven us, by reason whereof we be most notabily charged with massez, suffragies, and other almouse dedes for hys benefyttes to us most charytably exhibite, bot also certen munimentes, evidencez, and specialties, toching and apperteynyng unto our monastery, which we had lately sent unto

¹ Rumburgh is in Suffolk, four miles from Halesworth.

our said priour and brethren there, for the tryall of certen laundes and rightus which lately did depende betwixt us and certen men of worshipp in Cambridge shyre in contraversie, and yet doith depende undecised, and for none other purpose. In consideracion wherefore, yf yt might please your grace, forasmuch as we have a greate parte of our laundes graunted unto us by reason of the said Alen Niger, whereby we be daly charged as doith appere by compassicion made betwixt us and the said Alen Niger, and also confirmed by Boniface the iijth *anno sui pont. tercio* under certen censures and paynes with clausis dirogatorye, as most largely by hys said graunte doith appere, that the said pryory might consiste and abyde as a membre unto oure monastery, as yt haith done this thre hundred yeres and more, with your graces favour, your grace shall not onely put me and my brether to a greate quietude, bot also take away many sundry doubties and greate perels of the residew of our laundes graunted unto us by the said erele, which be right notable, yf the same suppression or alienation no farther procede; and, besydes that, ministre unto us a more notable acte then ye had gyven us ten tymes more laundes then unto the same priory doith apperteyne and belonge; for of trueth the rentes and revenuez unto the same priory belonging doith very lytill surmounte the sum of xxx^{li} sterlinge, as far as I perceyve. And yet towards your speciall, honourable, and laudable purpose concernynge the erection and foundation of the said college and scole, I am right interely contentid, for your tenderinge of the premisses to gyve unto your grace ccc markes sterlinge, which shall be deliverd unto your grace immediately. Most hummely desyring your grace to accepte my pore mynde towards your most noble acte, which shuld be far better yf that my lytell pore (estate) thereunto wolde extende, protestinge ever that yf your graces pleasure be to have the said priory to the purpose above recyted, that then with all my study, diligence and labour, I shall continually indever my self for the accomplishment of the same, accordengly as my dutie ys. Trustinge ever that your grace will se our pore monastery no farther hyndred, bot that we may in tyme commyng lyve lyke religieuse men, and serve Almighty God with our nombre determinate, and hereafter avoide both in law and good conscience all perells that thereby may ensue; and also pray for our founders, benefactours, and your good grace, accordingly to the foundation of our monastery, as our dutie ys; and so knowith Jhesus, who preserve your most noble grace in high honour and greate prosperytie long to continew. Frome our monastery of Yourke the xxth day of Septembre.

Your most bownden bedeman, Edmond, abbot of Yourke.
To my lorde legates good grace.

(Cotton MS., Cleopatra, E. iv., p. 58.)

1530, Nov. 29. Cardinal Wolsey died at Leicester on his way from Yorkshire to London,

1534 (26 Henry VIII.). There was passed by Parliament An Acte concernynge the Kynges Highnes to be Supreme Head of the Church of England. "Albeit the Kynges Majestie justely is head of the Church of England, Be it enacted that the Kyng his heires and successors shalbe the only supreme Head in either of the Church of England."

1534-5, Jan. 21. Commission from the King as Supreme Head of the Church of England to Thomas Cromwell, his chief Secretary and Master of the Rolls, for a general visitation of the churches, monasteries and clergy (Cleopatra, F. 11, 131).

1535. A commission was issued for a general visitation of the monasteries, Doctor Richard Layton,¹ Thomas Legh,² Doctor John London³ and John Ap Rice⁴ being appointed commissioners.

1535. Layton was visiting Oxford and the South in the autumn, and it must have been about this time that he wrote the following letter offering to visit Yorkshire:—

No date. Please yor goodnes to understonde that forasmoeche as Yorke dioces was not visite sens my Lorde Cardinales tyme and

¹ Richard Layton, LL.D., son of William Layton of Dalemain, co. Cumberland, was educated at Cambridge and took orders. He had given him the sinecure rectory of Stepney, and after that of Brington. He then became Clerk in Chancery and Clerk to the Privy Council. Cromwell then employed him as his agent, and sent him to make a visitation of the University of Oxford in July 1535. He offered to visit Yorkshire and the Northern Counties, and arrived at York the beginning of 1536. He was one of the most active and unpopular of the visitors of the Yorkshire monasteries. In July 1539 he became Dean of York and had other appointments, but died at Brussels in June 1544. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

² Sir Thomas Legh, said to have been connected with the family of Legh of Lyme, had some official appointments before he became one of Cromwell's agents. He joined Dr. Layton in his visitation of the Northern Monasteries in 1536, when he was most active in that and the succeeding years. He managed to get for himself Nostell Priory at the Dissolution. He was knighted at Leith 11 May 1544, and died 25 Nov. 1545, being buried in the church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch. His widow married Sir Thomas Chaloner. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

³ John London, D.C.L., a native of Hambleden, co. Bucks, was educated at Oxford. He had the livings of Ewelme and Adderbury, and was a prebendary of York and Lincoln. He became one of Cromwell's agents, being active in suppressing monasteries. According to Gasquet he was "the most terrible of all the monastic spoilers." However, in the end, he got into difficulties, was convicted of perjury, put in the pillory and the Fleet prison, where he died in 1543. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

⁴ Sir John Ap Rhys or Ap Price, of Welsh extraction, was originally a lawyer, was employed by Cromwell in 1535, and afterwards in 1536 became one of the visitors of the monasteries, though it does not seem he was so much engaged in the North as Doctors Layton and Legh. He had a grant of Brecknock Priory, and died about 1573. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

many thynges therbe within the saide province nowe muche nedefull of reformation and worthy redresse. If hit myght please youre therfore nowe to send me into the said province and Blitheman your servant to be regestre we myght well finisse all that province by Michaelmas or sone after.

Richard Layton.

To the righte honorable Master Thomas Crumwell.

(Cleopatra, E. iv., 56.)

1535. In consequence of the idea getting about that something was going to be done about suppression of the monasteries in Yorkshire the following letters were written:—

Sir George Lawson to Cromwell.

24 Sept. 1535. Pleas it your maistership to be advertished that wher as I understande your commissaries shall shortly reasortt in thies partyes in visitacon by your auctoritie, and as it is said ther shalbe temperall persons to haue the surveyng and receipt of all landes pertenyng to monasteries and religious houses, it may therfor like you to be so goode to me as to help and name me to sum and suche of those rowmes or offices as ye thynk convenient, and as it may stand with your pleasor to have me in remembraunce in this behalfe wherby I shall not onely emongst all your manyfold goode dedes towards me mayntene the contynuaunce of my pore liffing now [in] my old dayes, but as I am most bounden shall [daylie] pray for the preservacon of the kinges most royall maiestie and of your goode mastership long to endure. At York xxiiij daye of September.

I trust of your goode remembraunce herin, althos I am not dayle in your presence.

George Lawson.¹

To my right honorable Maister Secretarye to the Kinges highnes.

(Vol. 96, p. 231.)

The Prior of Bridlington² to Cromwell.

23 Oct. 1535. Right Wourshipfull, my dewtie in my moste humble maner remembred, I recomende me to your gude maistershippe, and for somuche as your sayd maistershippe by your last lettres to me directed advised me, and in like maner counselled me, to recognishe the kynges highnes to be our patrone and ffounder, forasmuche as noe article, worde, sentence, or clause in our originall graunte to hus mayde by sir Gilbert de Gaunte, cosyne to our originall ffounder, appered to the contrarie whie of equitie his highnes

¹ Sir George Lawson of the city of York, knight, Treasurer of Berwick, had Thomas of York, who had Peter of Poppleton. See Glover's Visitation, 93.

² William Wode, last prior of Bridlington, hung at Tyburn for being implicated in the Pilgrimage of Grace.

owght not so to be, or elles to appere before your maistershippe and other of his graces counsell the laste day of Octobre, as I wolde awoide his graces highe displeasour. In this matter, even so humblie as I canne, I shall besuche your gude maistershippe to be gude maister to me and your poour cotidiall oratours, my bretheren; for notwithstandinge the kinges grace his noble progenitours titles and clames hertofore mayde to our said patronage and foundershippe (thoghe all one are and ever will be at his moste graciouse commaundement and pleasour), yet we have ever benne dimissed clere withowt any interruption in this behalfe nighe this two hundreth yeres, as shall appere before your gudnes under substanciall evidence of recorde. And I so besuche your maistershippe we may be at this tyme, for in your maistershippe our holle truste in all our gude causes remaneth. And where as I ame detenede withe diverse infirmities in my body, and in lyke maner ame feble of nature, so that withowt great yeopardie of my liffe I cannot nor ame hable to labour in doinge of my dewtie to appere befor your [gude] maistershippe, I shall right humblie besuche your gudnes to haue [me] excused, and in lyke maner to accept this berar my brother as my laful deputie in this behalfe, who shall mayke your maistershippe aunswer as concernynge thes premisses, to whome I besuche your maistershippe yeve firm credence, of whome also ye shall reseive a poour token frome me whiche I eftsones besuche your gude maistershippe to accept, thankfullie with my poour hert and cotidiall prayers, of which ye shal be assured endurynge my liffe, as is my dewtie, God willinge, who ever preserve your gude maistershippe, in muche wourshippe longe to endure. Frome our monasterie of Bridlington, the xxiiijth day of Octobre, by your humble and cotidiall oratour.

William, prior of the same.

(Cott. MS., Cleopatra, E. iv., 68.)

1535-6. Layton and Legh arrived at York the beginning of the year, when the following correspondence passed:—

Dr. Layton to Cromwell.

1535-6, Jan. 13. Hit may please your mastershippe to be advertissede, that here in Yorkeshire we fynde gret corruption emongiste persons religiose, even lyke as we dyde in the sowthe, *tam in capite quam in membris*, and wurse if wurse may be in kyndes of knaverie, as, *retrahere membrum virile in ipso punctu seminis emittendi, ne inde fieret prolis generatio*, and nunnes to take potations *ad prolem conceptum opprimendum*, with suche other kindes of offences lamentable to here. This day, we begyn with Saint Mare abbay, whereas we suppos to fynde muche evile disposition bothe in thabbot and the convent, wheroff, Gode willyng, I shall certify yowe in my next letters. The dean of Yorke was never fully concludede with the treasurure here for the deanrie. The dean wolde not resign unto hym, unleste he wolde leff hym other possessions; for pension

he wolde none have, fearyng suche lyke debaytment therof as was of pensions in the laste Parliament. To have takyn the tresareushipe for the lieu of a pension he was once content, wherunto the tresareure wolde not agre, unleste he myght have hade his prebende also with his deanrie, wiche the dean wolde not, and so they broke; the tresareure wolde have hade the dean to have wryten unto yowe of such towardnes in the premisses at suche tyme as the tresareure came up laste to London, wyche the dean then refusede to do, bycause therof he persuaede no gret towardnes of any conclusion. This is the deans taile to me, and this I fynde trewe; wherefore I shall desier your mastershippe to continewe your goode mynd towards me, and in the mean tyme ye shalbe faste assurede of my faithfull servyce in all suche affaires as ye commite unto me, and for no corruption or lucre from my loyalte to swerve in doying my princes commaundment for your discharge, whyche hath put your truste and affiance unto me. Frome Yorke xiiij Januarii, by your assurede poire preste.

Richarde Layton.

(Cotton MS., Cleopatra, E. iv., 138.)

Dr. Legh to Cromwell.

13 Jan. 1535-6. Ryght worshipfull syr, my dewty presupposid, this is to advertise you that master doctor Layton and I the xj daye of January war with the archebushope of Yorke, whom we accordyng to your pleasure and preceptes have vysyte, injoyning him to preache and teache the word of God according to his bownd dewty to his cure commitid unto hym, and also in the knowlege concernyng the prerogatyve poore that the Kynges grace have, and to see other here in his jurisdiction being enduyd with good qualites, havyng any respecte either to God, goodnes, vertue or godlynes, to performe the same; injoyning moreover to hym to bring up unto you hys fyrst, second and thyrd fundations, wherupon he enioiye the hys office and prerogatyve poore, with the grawntes, privelegis, and concessions geven to hym and to his see apperteynyng. The whiche whan that you have red them, and knowen in all poyntes the hole effect of them, I doo not dowte but that you shall see and rede many thynges wordy reformation, by the knowlege wherof I suppose the Kynges hygnes and you wyll be glad, and to thyncke it mete that every bushope war in leke wyse orderyd, then shuld they thene under ther governauns cdyfye moche in Christ, in his doctrine and teachynges, and then the poore ignoraunte persons, now by blyndenes and ignoraunce sedusid, myght therby be browght to lighte and knowlege, wherby they should profitt moche the welthe of ther owne sowlys and the commynalte. And it shuld be gretly expedient to the conservacion of ther fidelite toward ther prince, and to hys graces succession now begotten, or hereafter to be begotton. Now that I have enformyd your mastership of our actes and dedes, doon

to a good ende, as our opinion serve us, yt shall lye in your circumspecte prudencye and wysdom to order all thynges as ye shall thyncke to your approvyd dyscretion most mete and to the funderans of the glory of god and preservation of the common welthe most expedient and necessary. For in the same injunctions geven heretofore, eyther augmentid or dimynished, to be mynystred to other bushopys, as shall be thowght to your wysdom most convenyent. I doo not dowght but it shall be moche profitable and commodius bothe to the kynges highnes and to your mastership, as knoweth God, who ever preserve your mastership. From Yorke, the xiiijth daye of January.

Yours ever assurdy,

Thomas Legh.

To the ryght honerable master Thomas Cromwell, chyeff secretary unto the Kynges highnes, and master of his rollys, this be delyveryd.

(Cotton MS., Cleopatra, E. iv., 125.)

1535-6, 19 Jan. Acceptance by Richard Layton and Thomas Legh of the resignation of Wm. Thyrske,¹ Abbot of Fountains, on which was granted to him pension of 100 marks. (Cotton MS., Cleopatra, E. iv., 289.)

Layton and Legh to Cromwell.

20 Jan. 1535-6. Pleasit your mastership to understonde, that thabbot of Fontance hath so gretly dilapidate his howse, wastede ther wooddes, notoriously kepyng vj hoores, *diffamede here a toto populo*, one day denyng thes articles with many mo, the next day folowyng the same confessyng, thus manifestely incurryng perjurie; vj days before our accesse to his monasterie he committed theftt and sacrilege, confessyng the same. At mydnyght causede his chapelaine to stele the sextens keis, and towke owte a jewel, a crosse of gold with stones. One Warren a goldsmith of the Chepe was with him in his chambre at that owre, and ther they stole oute a gret emerode with a rubie; the saide Warren made thabbot beleve the rubie to be but a garnet, and so for that he payede nothyng, for the emerode but xx^{li}. He solde hym also then plate withoute weyght or ownces; howe moche therfore thabbot therfore therin was decevide he cannot tell, for the trewith ys he a vara fole and a miserable ideote. We pronouncede hym perjurede, and willede hym to shew us a cause why he owght not of ryght and justes to be deprivede, and reheresyde and rede unto hym his owne rule, wiche deprivede hym for the premisses, with other many his transgressions mo, wiche were to long to write. He cowlde not denye but by those his owne rulles he owght to be deprivede, if ther hade bene no nother lawe made or written for deprivation; and for a conclusion he hath resignede privelye into our handes, no man therof yet knowyng. We have accepteде and admittede his resignation, *et declavimus monasterium*

¹ He was afterwards implicated in the Pilgrimage of Grace insurrection, was tried, found guilty, and executed at Tyburn in May 1537.

jam esse vacans, and sufferith hym to ministre in all thynges (for the avoidance off suspicion) evyn as he dyde before, tyll we knowe your further pleasure. Ther is never a monke in that howse mete for that rowme. Yf the erle of Comerlande knewe that hit were voide, he wolde make all labor he cowlde possible for the scelerer ther, wiche I inseure yowe is not mete therfore, for such causes as I knowe ye will alowe, whan I shall declare them unto you. There is a monke of the howse callede Marmaduke, to whom Mr Timmes lefft a prebende in Repon church, now abydyng upon the same prebende, the wysyste monke within Inglonde of that cote and well lernede, xxⁱⁱ yerres officer and rewler of all that howse, a welthie felowe, wiche will gyve yowe syx hundreth markes to make hym abbot ther, and pay yowe immediatly after the election, withoute delay or respite, at one payment, and as I suppos withoute muche borowyng. The first frutes to the kyng is a thowsande powndes, wiche he with his pollicie will pay within iij yerres, and owe no man therfore one grote, as he saith, and his reason therin is vara apparant. Yf ye have not therfore providede or promisede suche a rowme for any other your frendes, this man we thynke were mete both for the kinges honour and for the discharge of your conscience, and the profett of the howse; for I am sure all thabbottes of his religion will thynke hym a ryght apte man hereunto, and the most mete of any other. What shalbe your pleasure further in this behalfe, other in preferryng ther man, or other ways as ye thynke beste, we advertissede of your pleasure shalbe glade, with all diligence and dexteritie that shall ly in us, to accomplishe that your mynde, disiering yowe that by this bringer my servant with spede hit may please yowe to certifie us of the premisses. And we suppos that many other of the beste abbottes mo, after they have commonede with your mastershippe and us, will cum to lyke preferment. And wheras we have herde that thabbot of Whitbie hath by his letters certified yowe heretofore that he wolde resigne, if he be so myndett at our cumyng thether (wiche shalbe shortly) or if we fynde any cause of deprivation, whom hit shall please yowe therunto to prefere, if ye be prefixede & any hit may also please yowe to certifie us, or if ye be not determined of any, then if hit be your pleasure to committe that to our discretion we shall fynde yowe a man habile both for the Kinges honoure and discharge of his conscience and for your wurshipe and also profite. This monke of Repon hath a prebende of xl powndes, wiche ye may bestowe also upon your frende, if ye make hym abbot.

Ye shall do well to sende for Warren the goldesmith, and lay unto hym theft and sacrilege, and the recept therof, and to know what other thynges he hath hade of thabbot this viij or ix yeres paste. And thus I pray Gode sende you as goode helth as yowre hert desierith. From Richemont, xx Januarij, by your assurede poire prestes and faithful servandes.

Rycharde Layton and Thomas Legh.

(Cleopatra, E. iv., 136.)

Richard Layton to Cromwell.

7 Feb. 1535-6. Hit may please your goodnes to be aduertissed that this vijth day of Februarie I haue bene with my lorde tharchebisshope, ther I delivered your letters and haue recevide an other letter of hym for yowe to nominate your clarke at your pleasure for the monkes prebende and this day at nyght I have bene at fontance to make the election but that I tarie in Yorke sumwhat to cause a lewide chanon & his floke (yf I can possible) to surrendre up his howse into the kinges handes of sevyen score powndes good Lordes and but xl markes of that in spirituale tethes. I had contriuede this matter long or nowe if a litle fals knave here in Yorke had not bene a doggerell off the lawe & a pursevant of westminster hale. Doctor Leig keppes oute our appointment in visitation & goys forwards styll wels I go aboute this matters ye shall further understonde that the prior of Gisborowe a howse of a thowsande markes hath resignede into our handes priuely if ye make no promes of that howse to noman tyll we cum up to London we shall by the way spy one for hit mete and apte bothe for the kinges honoure and discharge of your conscience and also profitable I doubte not, but if the Tresareure of Yorke knewe hit were resignede he wolde make hoote sute unto yowe for a yong man of that howse one of smale grauitie for suche an office and a vara boy whan I haue made the election at fontance I shall gode willyng from thens write unto yow my further procedyng in the premisses octauo februarij we make an ynde of all these quartars & so pas towards carlell¹ we haue also done att North-umberlonde at Sherfftyde we truste to se yowe. From Yorke vij Februarij by the speedy hande of your powre preste and assurede seruant.

Rycharde Layton.
(State Papers, vol. 108, p. 18.)

1535-6 (27 Henry VIII.), 9 Feb. Surrender of Marton Priory.¹ Thomas Yodson, prior. Signed by the prior and five others. Acknowledged before Ric. Layton, one of the clerks of chancery, the same day (Calendar, vol. ix., 816).

Dr. Thomas Legh to Cromwell.

10 Feb. 1535-6. Right worshipfull Sir.—The prior of Gysborowghe hath resined to our handys his howse the whiche hether to we haue kept close, For the whiche ij of the house The Celerer and the burser stand for and for whois preferrement Master Treasurer hath (as I here saye) laboryd for Whiche bothe be men of no litterature nor other qualites worthy the governaunce of suche a howse whiche may spend better then a Thowsand marckes by the yere.

¹ Marton, an Augustine priory in the wapentake of Bulmer, five miles from Easingwold. This was the first house that surrendered, Dr. Layton having persuaded the prior and convent to resign.

And in case ye be not provyded of a frynde of yours for suche a Roometh Pleasith it you to staye it unto our cummyng home I will provide woon of suche litterature circumspect prudency and wisdom experiens and other qualites as you shall thincke mete and worthy to have suche a Roometh; And also shall be as profitable unto your mastership as any other; Also Master Layton Hathe ben with Tharchebushope of Yorke and hathe doone suche thinges accordyng to your pleasure as your mastership wrotte And hathe taken surrendre of Martyn abbey to the kynges use And I haue ben at mownte grace and Hull And wher as in all other places I fynde them all redy to fullfyll the kynges highnes pleasure And now he ys at the monastery of funtayns to performe your mynde and pleasure in leke wise thier whom I loke after this nyght and so to morowe to goo thorowgh to Caruyll and so from thens to retorne homeward to your mastership with all convenyent spede. From Richemond the xth daye of february.

Yours euer assureyd,

Thomas Legh.

To the right honerable master Thomas Cromwell, Chief Secretary unto the kynges highnes and m^r of hys Rollys this be dd'.

(Vol. 102, p. 26.)

The abbot of Fountains having resigned, Marmaduke Bradley was appointed in his place. He was the last abbot.

The Abbot of Fountains to Cromwell.

6 Mar. 1535-6. Ryght honorable and my singulre good maister I humble commende me unto youre maistership thankyng yow for my promocioun unto this rowmeth of thabbotship of Fontaynes for the which ye shalbe assured both of my continuall praers and service at all tymes when ye commaunde me to be redy, and to advertyshe your maistership of such ordinaunces as maister Layton haith taken in this monastery at myn election is this; first the election celebratyd and I confirmad he gaffe Iniunctions in wrytyng to my predecessor by his own holl assent & consent that he shuld make his holl accomptes frome the first day of his entree in to the Abbottship unto the xjth day of Februarij last past. And that he shulde delyver thame to our handes afore y^e thyrde Sonday in lantyn, Wher unto he was verayly agreed, and also it was inioyned hyme to pay all such guddes as remayned in his handes, undischarged by hys accomptes, unto my handes & my bredren handes afore he receved eny frutes of his pension. And over that that he shuld make Redy payment of all suche summes of money as he receyved from his first resignacion unto the day of myn election the wyche surmuntith neight j C ii; the wych all thynges he refusys now to do notwithstanding he was agreed to the same before maister Layton and doith nothyng accordyng aftir theis iniunctiones bot labors by a knyght callyd Sir William Malorey to geytt commaundment from the kynges heghnes and frome your maisterschip to me and my bredren, to haue such surty as he shall

devyse by lernyde counsell for the suyrty of his pension. And with owt your grette helpe he purposed to Resco [*sic*] with all the howse guddes that he haith, the wych as I am credible informed by my bredren is abowe j M ti over and besyddes the gret decay bothe in plant, sheype, woddess and odre store of this said monastery; so that of verey trewth I fynd neuer one peny with in this howse nor yet to recevey afore May day; and therfore both I and all my bredren lauly besuches your gud maisterschip to be our socour in this maytter so that in no wysse he haue no pension unto he haue maid his accomptes & restored all the money that remaneth upon hym & in his handes. And that done then that he may haue a resonable pension but not xl ti for he haith not serued xx^{ti} markes; for we haue in a statute in our *Religion de Abb'te Resignante* and that is this "*Abbas qui bene rexerit per decennium habeat competentem pensionem*" but he rulled in his tym nowghly; and all theis therfore considered and also in what ruyen he leyft this monastery in, and also the grett charge that we be charged in to the kinges heghnes for our fyrst fruttes the wich is j M ti and also the xth parte the wich is yerely j C ti and nothings her is to make money of; wher for I and all my bredren trustes in yowr gude maistership that ye will luke upon us & this monast'y with your ee of mercy and upon my predecessor with youre ryghtwisse ee of Justice that he shall lyffe no mor hyghly then he haith deserved. And also emonges odre his enorme actes he haith maid unto the said William Malorey, knyght, one patent under his seall of his office after his resignacion wherby he haith admyttyd hym. to be our generall receyvour of all our rentes and to be steward of our courtes contrary to the profett of this monastery of Fontaynes. Wherthugh this his dede the said Sir William Malorey haith labored to maister Norresse, the which haith sent a letter to me & my bredren for the confirmacion of the said pateat. Wherunto, both I and all my bredren haith maid such answere as we trust the said maister Norresse wilbe content with all. And now the said Sir William Malory intendes, as I am credibly enformed, cometh up to London in his own persone to labour ye kinges heghnes and your maistership to commaunde us to ratify the said pateat. Wher for we all the holl convent humbly desireth your maistership to stoppe that the said Sir William Malory haue no comforth nor graunt therein, nor in lik wysse that my predecessor haue no graunte of eny pension unto he, of his partie, haue holly fulfilld the iniunctions that maister doctor layton inioynyd him. Wherfore bothe I my selfe and all my bredren beseches your gude maistership to make no graunte, nor suffer eny thyng to passe in theis mayters nor eny odres unto suche tyme that maister doctor layton and maister doctor Leighe and maister Blythman retorne home to your maistership agayn, for they can instructe yow of verey trewth of the premisses and odre thlynges concernyng my said predecessor and this howse of Fountayns. And I and all my bredren shall pray &c. At Fountayns this sext day of March by

Your humble and obedient Marmaduk thabbott of Fountayns.

(Vol. 102, p. 164.)

The Abbot of Fountains to Cromwell.

21 March 1535-6. Right Worshipfull and my synguler gude Maister. After als humble recomendacions As I can I commande me to your gud Maistership, And to adu'tysse the same this xxjth day of Marche I haue receyved your right lovinge ande kynde letters as concernyng the resyngnacion of a prebend that I haue in the colligate church of Ripon; trewly Sir I neuer maid promisse to resigne the same and of veray trewth this howse, y^t I am preferred in, is so farre in danger all maner of ways, that I haue rather wyll to resigne the Abbotship then my prebend. For no displeasour to your gud maistership I haue sufficient dispensacion to haue both the Abbotship and the prebend; And rather or I resigne the prebend I will utterly resigne the Abbotship. Wherfor both I and all my bredern humble desireth your gud Maistership to haue me excused in this behalffe, for we trust in consideracion of the relacion of my gud Maisters your commissioners the kynges visitours that your maistership will be so gud to pardon me for eny resignacion unto such tyme as we be clerely throught with the kynges heightnes for owr first frutes, And that in consideracion that I haue sufficient dispensacion for the same, And evyn so boith I and all my bredern humble desireth your gud Maistership to be, As we shall be trew beedmen to god for your longe presersuacion &c. At Fountans this xxjth of Marche.

Your humble beidman

Marmaduk thabbot of Foutayns.

(Vol. 102, p. 236.)

Edward,¹ Archbishop of York, to Cromwell.

22 March 1535-6. Righte honorable afre my hertiest commendation I perceve by this bearer maister Wynter's servaunte that the abbot of ffountaines as yet hath not resigned. True it is that afore the comeng of M^r Wynters servaunte he told me that he had a sufficient dispensacon alowed by the visitors Doctour Layton and Doctour Leghe; the dispensacon I did never see, but whan so ever his resignation shall come to my bandes I shall furthwith give to his proctour collation and institucon, and any oother thing doo for him that maye lie in my litle power, wiche is so small hidreto, that I can almost nothing doo for anye of my owne chapeignes, that daylie serveme, but master Winter knowethe my good mynde towards him wiche I wold gladlie shewe withe effecte, and rather at the contemplation of your lettres. And thus in my saied hertiest maner ffare you woll. ffrom Cawood the xxijth of March 1535.

Yo^r owne ever assured

Edouarde Ebor.

To the right honorable my speciall goode frend Master Secretarie.

(Vol. 102, p. 237.)

¹ Edward Lee, fifty-ninth Archbishop of York, consecrated 10 Dec. 1531; died 13 Sept. 1544; bur. in York Minster.

Whilst the Commissioners were in the north they seem to have made a hurried journey through Yorkshire to look at the monasteries.

The following account of their "Itinerary" is what they most likely sent to Cromwell. They also made a list of all the crimes committed in the various houses and their superstitions, called "Comperta." This is of such a character that it is not fit entirely for publication. Blythman may have gone with them and have written the letter 28th February.

In primis from Yorke to Newbrou (Newburgh), regular chanons off y^e order off seynt Austeyne, off the fyrste fundacon off y^e lord Mowbrey, which monastery was fondyd by the forseyd lord in y^e tyme of Kyng Stephen, now lord Howard, duche off Northfolcke ys ther foundre & y^t y^s in mylys from Yorke xvj.

It. from there to Bylond, off the order off the Cystercyensis, of y^e same fundacon that the forsaid monasterye whas, & hys off & y^t the second yeer after y^e fundacon off Newbrarow whos sepulcre ys in the chapyttrouss wyndow off thys monastery off y^e forsaid lord Mowbray & his wyff on myle from [thence].

It. to Mountgrace off y^e order off Charterhous off y^e fundacyon of Ynglylbyes, Knyghtes in Kyng Henry the iiij tyme xij myle from y^e forseyd place. It. to Gysbrow chanons off y^e order of Seynt Austeyn, of the fyrst fundacon off y^e lord Robert Brus hoos body wth ys wyffe bynn byryed in y^e queer ther but now lord Latymer ys ther fondar & yt ys xij myle from y^e forsaid place. It. to Wytbye, monkys off y^e order off Seynt Benedyct of y^e fundacon off y^e fyrst lord Wyllym Persey aft^r y^e conquest wych dystedyd beyond the sey & ther ys body ys buryed but hys harte lyethe in Wytthby, but now the Kyng ys the fundar & yt ys xvj myle from the forsaid place. It. to Wyckam, nunes of the Cystercyene, off the Kynges fundacon, which ys xvij myle from y^e forsaid place. It. to Yedyngham, nunes of Seynt Benedyct order, off y^e fundacon of y^e lord Latymer iiij myle from the forsaid place. It. to Kelldhollme, nunes of y^e Cystercyene order, off y^e fundacon off y^e lord Westmorlande x myle from the sayd place. It. to Ryvalles, monkys off the Cystercyene order off y^e fyrst fundacon off Walter Especke, now my lord Rosse ys ther fundar, vj myle fro' y^e other. It. to Kyrkhame, chanons off Seynt Austeyne order of y^e same fundacon that y^e forsaid was & ys, x myle from y^e other. It. to Maltonne, chanons off y^e order off Seynt Gylberte, off y^e fundacon of the lord Vessey, iiij myle from y^e forsaid place. It. to Warther, chanons of Seynte Austeynes order fundyd furste be lord Water Trusbutt, but now lord Rosse ys ther fundar, xij myles a pre-dicto loco. It. to Brydlyngtonne chanonsse of Seynt Austeyne order off y^e furste fundacon off lord Wal[ter] Gawntt, woss body lyethe in y^e myddes off ther queer, allso ther ys shrynd behyend the awlter the body off Seynt John sum tyme prior of the same place, xviii mylles

from the other. It. to Wattone, off y^e order off Seynt Gylbert, & off the fundacon off y^e lord Vessey v millys from y^e for sayd place.

It. to Beverley wer restythe y^e body off the holly archebyshope Seynt John, furst fundar off y^e same, with allso the bodies off Seynt Wynwalld & Brythewme, & allso a slayne vyrgyn callyd Seynt Yolfryde, v myles from y^e other. It. to Mewsse Abbey off y^e Cystercyenes, off y^e fundacon off le Grosse sum tyme yerle off Albymarle, iij myly from y^e other. It. to Hull towne & to y^e monastery off y^e Chaterhouss, off the fundacon off the lor^d Wylliam Delapolle, baronne in Kyng Edward the iij days, iij mylys from y^e other & from henss we went to Holdynes, almost to Ravynspor, but I yntende to omyt all vyllagys & rekyn only relygyous housys. In reverendo fro' Hull. It. fro' Hull to Haltermpryce, regular chanons off Seynt Austeyne order off the fundacon off lord Thomas Wake, Knyght, iij myles from predicto. It. to Ferybye, brytheryn off the Jerosolymtenne order & off the furst fundacon of y^e lord Eustache Vessey, a predicto loco iij myles. It. to Drax, regular chanonss off Seynt Austeynes order, of the fundacon off Master Pannell, knyght, xvj mylys fro' the for sayd place. It. to Selbye monastery off Seynt Benedyctes order, off the fundacon off Kyng Wylliam Conquerour, iij mylys from y^e other. It. to Seynt Oswaldes, chanons regular of Seynt Austeynes order, off y^e fundacon off Kyng Henry y^e furst, xij mylys from y^e for sayd. It. to Pontefract, monkys of Seynt Benedyctes order, off ye furst fundacon off lord Robert Lacye, knyght, v mylys from y^e other.

It. Pontefract to Hylley (Healaugh) monastery, chanons regular Seynt Augustin, off y^e fundacon off John Dryebdeynes, knyghte, x mylys from Pontfracte. It. to Knaresbrow, off y^e order off Sancti Trinitatis (?), of y^e furst fundacon off lord Rychard, yerle off Cornwall & elect & chosyn to have been emprour off Allmaine, ix mylis from y^e for sayd.

It. to Chrystall abbey of the Cystercyenes off the furst fundacyon off S^r Patffyll Pictaviensis, knyght, x mylles from y^e other. It. to Ardington, nonnys off y^e order of Seynt Bendyct off y^e fundacon off a gentyllmanne namyd Master Ardyngtonne, iij mylys from Chrystall. It. to Burtonne Abbey off the order off Seynt Benet, monkes off y^e furst fundacon off S^r Adam Swaynsonne, knyght, now Lord Mowntegle ys the fundar & ys from Chrystall xv mylys. In reverendo ad Chrystall & from predicto to Bolltonne, in chanons off y^e order off Seynt Austeyn off y^e furst fundacon off y^e lord Meschynne & lady Cysley Rumiley, ys wyeff & ther heyreys in y^e yeer off our Lord (1120) in y^e second yeer of Kyng Henry y^e furst & 2^o anno Thrustini Epi, now lord Clyfford ys ther fundar, xij mylys from Chrystall.

It. to Salley Abbey of y^e Cystercyenes, off the furst fundacon of lord Wyllym Percy y^e thyrd after the conquest, in y^e year off our Lord (1140) xiiij miles.

(Thence to Lancashire.)

Rychmondsheer.

It. to the monastery of Eglystonne apoun Tees water off y^e order off Premonstratensians of the furst fundacon off Mast^r Raffe Multon, gentyllman, & Alis hys wyeff, Gylbert Phylpe & Matyld Delahaye & yt was foundyd in Kyng Stephyns tyme, now lord Dacres ys y^e fundar.

It. to Seynt Agathees chanons, off y^e Premonstratensian order, apou Swalle flewd, of the furst fundacon off y^e lord Rychmund in Kyng Stephyns tyme yt was in y^e yeer of our Lord (1152) now lord Schroope off Boltonne ys ther fundar, & yt ys viij mylys from y^e other. It. to Gervalles, off y^e Cystercyenes, apou Your flewd, fundyd sumtyme in another place now callyd Wensdale by lord Akar but afterwards by lord Conanne, sonne to Alanne, yerle off Rychmond, y^e monkes were removed fro' that place onto this forsayd Gervalles by y^e forsayd yeerles sonne, & y^t by the lycence off the sonn of y^e lord Akarre callyd Hervey and y^t was in y^e yeer off our Lord (1157) y^e xv. yere off Kyng Stephanne, then after was fundar lord Fytheus [Fitzhugh] now Master Pare ys ther fundar viij mylys from y^e other. It. to Coverham or Coram of y^e Premonstratensian order fundyd furst at a towne callyd Swaynsby by a lady callyd Elewysya de Glandwell sumtyme wyff to lord Robarte, lord off Mydlam Chastell with many lordshyppes y^er about annexte by y^e consent & assent off Walbrane sonne to y^e forsayd lord Robert and y^er y^eis chanons contynwyd att Kyng Henry y^e second & Rychard y^e furst tyme but afterwards y^e chanons were removyd from Swaynsbye onto Coverham apou the water of Covers within a mylle off Mydlam Chastell and y^t y^e xiiij yeer off Kyng Johnys Reyne, ij mylys fro' Gervalles.

It. to Marycke apoune Swale, nunes off Seynt Benedyct order off the fundacon of Roger Aske, gentyllman in Kyng Johnnis days vj mylles from y^e other. It. to Fountens abbey off y^e cystercienes, off the fundacon off Threstonne sumtyme byschope off Yorke whych were in the yeer off our Lord (1132) fro' Yorke xvij mylles. It. to the college off Ryponne off the fundacon off Seynt Wyllfryed, sumtyme Archbyshope off Yorke, in y^e tyme of Kyng Oswye ij myles from the forsayd.

It. to Wylbyforce, nunes of the Benedyctes, of y^e furst fundacon off S^r Kateryngtonne, knyght now the Kyng hys ther funder. It. to Nunmongtonne of the benedyctes order off y^e furst fundacon off S^r Wylyam Arche (?) knyght, noo S^r Wylym Gasconne ys ther funder. It. to Roche Abbey off the Cystercienes, off lord Buell & Turgett, now lord Clyfford ys ther fundar.

In Yorksheer certeyn moo abbeys wyche we have been, In primis Marteyn abbey, chanons woss fundar I kno nothing off. It. Swyne by Beverley nonnes & also Nouneboranem. It. to all y^e Abbeys in Yorke Cytie as Seynt Maryes abbey, y^e Trinytes. It. Seynt Andrews & Seynt Leonardes chanons & Clementes (?).

But S^r I praye you yff I mysse other in these wrytyngs or ellys in the datt or counte off Kynges yeers blame my presydes & not me

for I haue nothing off y^{er} fondars nor off y^e yeeres of ther fundacyon but by other mennes report.

In all theys we haue been in be syd dyuersse other mo bothe in Durh. (?) byshopryke & allso Carlyell with many good townes & villages as well in my lordys grace lyberties as in others y^{us} & Jhesu preserve your mastershippe.

It. to Hampolle nonnes off the cysterciennes order off the furst fundacon off master Crescey, Jentyllmanne, now Clyfford & Markam ther fundeers.

(Underwritten. "Theis notes belong unto me Tho: Lovell 1592.")

Compendium compertorum per Doctorem Layton et Doctorem Legh in visitatione regia in provincia Eboracensi.

Rupa als. Roche.—John Robinson, suspected of treason, imprisoned at York. There was a pilgrimage to an image of Christ crucified found in Rupa & had in veneration. Founder the Earl of Cumberland. Rents 170^{li}, debts 20^{li}.

S^t Oswalds.—There was a pilgrimage to S^t Oswald. Founder the King. Rents 100 marks.

Burton als. Monk Bretton.—Founder Lord Thomas Monteagle. Rents 200^{li}.

Arthington.—Founder Henry Arthington. Rents 20 marks. Superstition the girdle of S^t Mary.

Hampall.—Founder Gervase Clifton, junior. Rents 40^{li}. Superstition—there was a superstition to S^t Richard not canonized.

Esholt.—Founder uncertain because there are many heirs of Christopher Warde, the founder.

Kirklees.—Rents 20^{li}.

Basedale.—Superstition—there they had the Virgin's milk. Founder Sir Ralph Everes. Rents 18^{li}.

Melsa als. Mewse.—Founder the King. Rents 98^{li}. Superstition—here singulum of S. Bernard is sometimes lent for pregnant women.

Nonneburnham.—Founder Lord Dakers. Rents 7^{li}. Here they have part of the Holy Cross.

North Fereby.—Founder the Earl of Cumberland. The house owes 80^{li}. Here S^t Gratianus is worshipped.

Haltemprise.—Founder the Duke of Richmond. Rents 104^{li}. Here is a pilgrimage to Thomas Wake for fever and in veneration they have the arm of S^t George and part of the Holy Cross & the girdle of S^t Marie healthful for childbirth (as is thought).

Warter.—Founder the Earl of Rutland. Rents 120^{li}.

Swinhey (Swine).—Founder Sir John Melton.

Newburgh.—Here they have the girdle of "Sci. Solvatoris" which assists lying-in women, also they have the arm of S^t Jeremiah in veneration,

- Rivall*.—Here they have the girdle of S^t Alred, helpful to lying-in women. Rents 300^{li}. The house owes 200 marks.
- Keldham*.—Here they have part of the Holy Cross and a finger of S^t Stephen which is lent to lying-in women.
- Arden*.—Founder the Duke of Norfolk. Rents 20 marks. Here women go to the image of S^t Brigett & offer for cows lost and ill.
- Gisburne*.—Founders Lord Conyers, James Strangways, Earl of Rutland, William Gascoigne. Rents 700^{li}.
- Handale*.—Founder Earl of Northumberland. Rents 10^{li}.
- Middlesburgh*.—Founder Lord Conyers. Rent 10^{li}.
- Whitby*.—Here St. Hilda is worshipped. Founder the King. Rents 700 marks.
- Grande Monte* (Grosmont).—Founders Sir Francis Bigote, George Salwayn, armiger. Rents 13^{li}.
- Yedingham*.—Founder Lord Latimer. Rents 40^{li}.
- Rosedale*.—Founder the King. Rents xliij^{li}.
- Wykeham*.—Founder the King. Rents 13^{li}. Here S^t Sitha is worshipped.
- Nunheeling*.—Founder the King. Rents 36^{li}. Here is part of the Holy Cross.
- Bridlington*.—Here John of Bridlington is worshipped & in veneration have “tria lamina ligni Sci Crucis.” Founder uncertain. 682^{li}.
- Beverley College*.—Founder the King. 68^{li}.
- Wilberforce*.—Founder the King. Rents 28^{li}.
- Marton*.—Founder the King. Rent 130^{li}.
- Clementhorpe*.—Founder the Archbishop of York. Here also they have milk (as believed) of the Blessed Mary in veneration & here is made a pilgrimage to Saint Sitha. Rents 50^{li}.
- Thichhenhede* (Thichhead).—Matilda Chapman seeks release from religion. Founder John Aske. Rents 23^{li}.
- S^t Trinity, York*.—Robert Parker and Brian Bray seek release. Here they have in veneration the girdle of a prior formerly of this house, and it is believed safe for lying-in women. Barbara Constable, wife of Sir Marmaduke Constable, senior, foundress. Rents 160^{li}.
- Fountains*.—Six seek release. They have a girdle of S^t Mary (as is believed). Founder the Archbishop of York. Rents 1200^{li}.
- Kirkstall*.—They have a singulum for pregnancy. Founder the King. 336^{li}.
- Ferivall* alias Gerves.—Here they have the girdle of S^t Mary (as is believed) safe for lying-in women. Founder Sir W. Parr. Rents 455^{li}.
- S^t Agatha*.—Two seek release. Founder Lord Scrope. Rent 200^{li}.
- Bolton*.—Founder the Earl of Cumberland. Rent 229^{li}.
- Ellerton*.—Cecillia Swalle seeks release. Founders William Aselby, William Thurresby, Ralph Spencer. Rent 15^{li}.
- Coverham*.—They have the girdle of Mary Nevell of iron, good for lying-in women (as is believed). Founder the King. Rents 140^{li}.

S^t Martin, Richmond.—Founder the King. Rent 43^{li}.

Mowsby.—Founder the King. Rents 30^{li}.

Mountgrace.—Founder the King. Rents 500 marks.

Bylonde.—Founder the King. Rents 400 marks.

Pontefract.—Here they have in veneration Thomas, Duke of Lancaster, and his girdle, which as (is believed) safe for lying-in women & his hat for pain of the head. Founder the King. Rent 330^{li}. The house owes 20^{li}.

Selby.—Here also they have the girdle of the Blessed Mary as is pretended. Founder the King. Rents 800 marks. Owes 300^{li}.

Sinningthwaite.—Here they have the arm of S^t Margaret & the tunic of S^t Bernard as is believed safe for lying-in women. Founder the Earl of Northumberland.

Nun Appleton.—Founder the Earl of Northumberland. Rents 56^{li}.

Helagh.—Founder the Earl of Northumberland. Rents 80^{li}.

Drax.—Founder Marmaduke Constable, senior. Rents 100^{li}.

S^t Leonard's, York.—Here they have the arm and finger of S^t Leonard in reverence & his image. Founder the King. Rents 7 marks.

S^t Mary's, York.—Founder the King. Rents 2500^{li}.

Kirkham.—Founder the Earl of Rutland. Here also they have the girdle of S^t Mary (as is pretended) safe for lying-in women.

Nun Monkton.—Rents 80^{li}. The house owes 20^{li}. Founder Sir W^m Gascoigne.

William Blythman¹ to Cromwell.

28 Feb. 1535-6. In mye moste lowlie wyse my dewtie premysed pleas yt your honorable mastershippe too be advertised. Aftere the conclusion of the visitacion exercysed fore the Kinges maiestie in the province of Yorke I have mayde a cleane booke of the compertes and send yt too yo^r mastershippe bye your commissaries Doctor Layton and Doctor Lee and shall shortlie bringe you a duple therof mye sylfe, I departed from theym at Ludeloo and retournyd too Yorke fore receipt of the fyrste payment and suerties for the fyrste fructes of the monasterie of Funtance and othe^r money dewe to the Kinges maiestie and shall therwithall repaire too London withe diligence the second weeke of Lent and I truste in God at that tyme too bringe withe me sume acceptable comodite fore your mastershippe bye the grace of Jhesus whoo preserve you too his pleasure. At Ludelowe the xxviiij day of February.

Your humble servaunt and moste bounden beedman
William Blithmanne.

To the right honorable and his most singulere good Master Thomas Cromwell principall secretarie to the kinges highnes.

(Vol. 102, p. 90.)

¹ He was of New Lathes and had a grant of Monk Bretton Monastery. His grandson Jasper Blytheman sold most of it to the Earl of Shrewsbury.

Whilst these things were proceeding in Yorkshire, Parliament assembled in London, Feb. 4, 1535-6, when a Bill was brought in to suppress and take possession of all the monasteries which had a less income than £200 a year. There seems to be no account of the proceedings extant or if there was any opposition. The Bill duly passed, the following being an abstract:—

An acte concernyng the suppression or dyssolucon of certeyne Relygyous houses and given to the Kinges highnes & to his heres for ever.

Forasmuche as manyfest synne, vycyous, carnall, and abhomynable lyvyng ys dayly used and comytted amonges the lytell and smale abbeys, pryoryes and other relygyous houses of monkes, chanons and nonnes, where the congregacon of suche relygyous persons ys under the nomber of xij persons, whereby the governours of suche relygyous houses and ther convent, spoyle, destroye consume and utterly waste, aswell ther churches, monasterys, pryorys, principall houses, fermes, granges, landes, &c., to the high dyspleasour of Almyghty God, slaunder of good relygyon and to the greate infamy of the kynges highnes and the realme if redres shuld not be hadde therof; and albeit that many contynuall vysytacions hathe bene heretofore had by the space of two hundreth yeres and more, for an honest and charytable reformation of suche unthrifty, carnall and abomynable lyvyng, yett neuerthelesse lytell or none amendement ys hytherto hadde but ther vycyous lyvyng shamelesly encreasseth and by a cursed custome soo rooted and infested that a greate multytude of the relygyous persones in suche smale houses doo rather chose to rove abroad in apostasy than to conforme them to the observaeicon of good relygyon; soe that without such smale houses be utterly suppressed, and the relygyous persons therin comytted to greate and honorable monasteries of relygyon in this realme, where they maye be compelled to lyve relygyously for the reformation of ther lyves ther canne elles be noo reformation in this behalf. . . . And therupon most humbly desire the kynges highnes that yt may be enacted by auctoryte of this present parlyament, that his majestie shall haue and enjoye to hym and his heires for euer all and synguler suche monasteries, pryoryes and other relygyous houses of monkes, chanons and nonnes, of what kyndes or dyuersyties of habyttes, rules, or orders soo ever thei be called or named, which have not in landes and tene-mentes, rentes, tythes, porcions and other heredymentes, above the clere yerely value of two hundreth poundes; and in lyke maner shall have and enjoye all the scytes and circuytes of every suche relygyous houses, and all the manors, granges, meases . . . churches, chapelles, &c., &c., belongyng to every suche monasterye, pryory or other relygyous house, not havyng as ys aforesaid above the seid clere value of two hundreth poundes in as large and ample maner as the abbottes, pryours, abbesses, pryoressees now have or ought to have the same

in the right of ther houses. And that also his highnes shall have to hym and his heires all such monasteries, abbeis and pryoryes which at eny tyme, within one yere next after the making of this acte, hath be gevyng and graunted to his majesty by any abbot, pryour, abbes or pryores, under the covent Seales, or that otherwyse hath be suppressed or dyssolved. To have and to holde all and synguler the premysses with all ther rightes, profyttes, jurysdyccions and commoditytes, unto the kynges majesty and to his heires and assignes for ever, to doo and use therwyth his and ther owen wylls to the pleasor of Almyghty God and to the honor and profytte of thys realme.

And yt ys also enacted by auctoryte aforseide that the Kynges highnes shal have end enjoye to his owen propre use all the ornamentes, Jewelles, goodes, catalles, and dettes which apperteyned to eny of the chief governours of the seid monasteries or relygyous houses in the right of ther seid monasteries or houses at the furst day of Marche in the yere of our Lorde God M^oxxxv. or eny tyme sythen, whersoever and to whose possession soever they shall comme or be founde; except onely suche beastes, grayne and woodes, and suche other lyke catalles and revenues, as have been sold in the said furste day of Marche or sythen for the necessarye or resonable expences or charges of eny of the seid monasteries or houses.

In consyderacon of which premysses to be had to his highnes and to his heires as ys aforseid, his majesty ys pleasyd and contentyd, of his most excellent charyte, to provyde to every chief hed and governour of every suche relygyous house duryng ther lyves, suche yerely pencions or benefyces as for ther degrees and qualytes shalbe reasonable and convenyent; wherein his highnes wyll have most tender respect to suche of the seid chief governours as well and truly conserve and kepe the goodes and ornamentes of ther houses to the use of his majesty without spoyle, waste or embeslyng the same, and also his majesty wyll ordeyne and provyde that the coventes of every suche relygyous house shall have ther capacitytes, if thei wyll, to lyve honestlye and vertuously abrode, and some convenyent charytie dysposed to them toward ther lyvyng, or elles shalbe commytted to such honorable greate monasteries of this realme wherein good relygyon ys observed, as shalbe lymyted by his highnes, ther to lyve relygyously duryng ther lyves.

And yt ys ordeyned by auctoryte aforseid, that the cheff governours and coventes of suche honorable greate monasteries shall take and accept into ther houses from tyme to tyme such number of the persons of the seid coventes as shalbe assigned and appoynted by the Kynges highnes, and kepe them relygyously durynd ther lyves within their seid monasteries in lyke maner and forme as the coventes of suche greate monasteries be orderyd and kept.

After the Act of Dissolution came into force a further Act for establishing a Court of Augmentations was passed,

An acte for establyssyng the Courte of Augmentacons.
27 Hen. VIII. (1535-6), C. 27.

Forasmoeche as the present parlement begon at London in the thirde daye of November in the xxist yere of oure Sovereigne lorde and adiourned unto Westminster and there holden and from that tyme contynued, by dyvers progacons unto the iiijth daye of February in the xxvijth yere of hys Reigne, it ys enactyd that his maiestie shuld have and enjoye to hym, his heires and successours for ever all Monasteryes, Pryories and other relygyous houses of Monkes, Chanons, and Nunnes of what kyndes which have not in landes, rentes, tythes, pencons and other heredytamentes above the clere yerly value of twoo hundreth poundes, and all the scytes of suche howses, &c., in as large and ample manner as the Abbottes, Pryoures, Abbasses, Pryoresses then hadde. And further that the Kynges maiestye shuld have all orna- mentes, jewelles, goodes, catalle and dettes of the seid houses at the firste daye of Marche 1535. Be yt enactyd; First the Kyng by auctorytie aforseid ordeyneth a courte to be called the courte of thaugmentacons of the revenues of the Kynges crowne which shalbe a courte of recorde and shall have one greате seale and one pryvye seale to be engraved and made after suche forme as shalbe approved by the Kyng. Also be it enactyd that ther shalbe one certeyne person which shalbe Chauncellor of the Courte and shalbe chief and pryncypall offycer of the courte and shalbe called Chauncellor of the Courte of thaugmentacons of the revenues of the kynges crowne. Also that ther shalbe one person called the Kynges Treasurer and shalbe the seconde Offycer. Also ther shalbe one person lernyd in the lawes of the londe called the Kynges Attorney and shalbe the thirde Offycer. Also that ther shalbe one person called the Kynges Solycytor, the fourth Officer. Also that ther shalbe ten Audytours and xvj Receyvours, one clerk, one huyssher, one messenger.

Also be yt enacted that all the seid Monasteryes, Pryoures and other relygyous houses which be dyssolvdyd and come to the Kynges Highnes by the Acte aforseid and all the manors, londes, &c., shalbe in the order of the seid Courte and of the Offycers thereof except alweis suche of the same monasteryes which the Kynges Maiesteye by his letters patentes under his greате seale shall declare and lymyte to contynue.

After the Acts were passed the King appointed Commissioners to examine into the monasteries by the following decree (translated), and also gave instructions as to taking possession of their properties.

24 April 1536. Henry the Eighth by the grace of God, etc., to his well-beloved and trusty Sir Ralph Elarker the younger, Kt., Sir Marmaduke Constable, Kt., Sir Geo. Lawson, Kt., and Sir Roger Chomley the elder, Kt., and to his well-beloved Wm. Babthorpe, Esq., Robert Chalanour, Esq., Leonard Bekwith, and Hugh Fuller,

greeting. Know ye that wholly relying on your faithfulness and prudent discretion, have appointed you, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 of you, of whom we will you the aforementioned Leonard and Hugh to be two, giving to you, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 of you, of whom we will you the aforementioned Leonard and Hugh to be two, full power and authority, to enquire, search and examine, in the ways and by the methods and means which you consider best and most convenient, as well within the county as the city of York and the co. and town of Kingston upon Hull, both within the liberty and without, concerning all and singular the articles and instructions to these presents annexed, doing and carrying out what in those articles is contained. And therefore we command you, firmly enjoining that you take effectual measures in the premises, and diligently do and execute them so that we may have the truth concerning these articles and each of them without favour, fraud, deceit, corruption or artifice, as you shall answer to us therein. And whatsoever you shall do in the premises and in all points thereof you shall certify to us in the chancery of our court of the augmentations of our revenue, distinctly and openly written in due form on parchment, sealed with your seals or with the seals of 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 of you, of whom we will you the aforementioned Leonard and Hugh to be two in the Octave of Michaelmas next to come, according as the said articles prescribe and require. And this you shall by no means omit under peril of what may befall. Moreover we give [power] to you, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 of you, of whom we will you the aforementioned Leonard and Hugh to be two, to summon and examine witnesses as shall seem best to you, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 of you, of whom we will you the aforementioned Leonard and Hugh to be two, for the better execution of the articles aforesaid in all their points, by the tenor of these presents charging all and singular our Justices, Sheriffs, escheators, reeves, constables, bailiffs, and other our trusty subjects, to attend you, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 of you, of whom we will you the aforementioned Leonard and Hugh to be two, from time to time in the execution of the premises, and to be aiding and assisting, and in like manner answerable in all things as behoves them. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the 24th day of April in the 28th year of our reign.

(Harleian MS. 364, fo. 21.)

Henry the viijth. To our trusty, etc. Forasmoch as we understode that . . . ys at this parte in such state as the same ys, neither used to the honor of God nor to the benefite of our comon weale, we late you wit that therfor beyng mynded to take the same into our owne handes for a better purpose like as we doubte not, but the hedd of the same wolbe contented to make his surrender, accordingly we for the speciall trust and confidence that we have in your fidelities, wisdom and discrecons haue and by these presentes doo auctorise, name, assigne and appointe you that immediatly reaparyng to the said house ye shall receyve of the said hedd suche a writing

under the convent seale as to your discrecons shall seme requisite, mete and convenient for the due surrender to our use of the same. And therupon taking possession therof, and of all the goodes, catalles, plate, juelles, implementes and stuff beyng within or apperteynyng therunto; And farther causyng all the goodes and implementes to be indifferently sold either for redy money or at days upon sufficient suerties, so that the same day passe not one yeaere and a half, ye shall delyver to the said hedd and brether such parte of the said money and goodes as ye by your descrecons shall thinke mete and convenient for their dispache, and further to see them have convenient pencions by your wisdomes assigned, accordingly which done, and moreover seing the rightfull and due debtes there paid and satisfied aswell of the revenues as of the said stuff as to reason and good conscience apperteyneth and your own charges reasonably allowed, ye shall procede to the dissolucon of the said house. And further in our name taking possession of the same to be kepte to our use and proffitt. Ye shall furthermore bring and convey to our toure of London after your said discrecons all the rest of the said money, plate, juelles, and ornamentes that in any wise shall come to your handes by meane of the premisses or of any parte therof straitely charging and commanding all maires, shirreffes, bailiffes, constables and all other our officers, mynysters and subgettes, to whom in this case it shall apperteign, that unto you and euery of you in execucion herof they be keeping, aiding, favoryng and assisting. And they woll answer unto us to the contrary at theyr uttermost perilles.

(Cleopatra, E. iv., 221.)

There is a list in the Cottonian MS. of the monasteries under the value of £200 a year. It embraces a few not Yorkshire—Wetherall and St. Bees in Cumberland, which were cells to St. Mary's Abbey, York, Hyrst in Lincolnshire, a cell to Nostell, Bamburgh and St. Mary Magdalene, Lincoln.

Religious Houses under the value of £200 per annum.

	£	s.	d.
1. Monast. Sancte Trinitatis (York)	169	9	10
2. Prioratus de Andree jux Civitatem Ebor.	47	14	3½
3. Prioratus Monalium de Clementis (York)	55	11	11
4. Prioratus Monalium de Apulton (Nun Apleton)	73	9	10
5. Prioratus de Helough Parke	72	10	7
6. Prioratus de Synnythwayte	60	9	2
7. Cella dee Trinitatis de Wodeshall	117	10	11½
8. Cella de Sce. Martin jux Rychemond	43	16	8
9. Cella Sce. Marie Magdalene jux Lincoln	24	6	3
10. Cella Sce. Bege in com. Cumb ^r	143	16	2½
11. Prioratus de Drayx	104	14	9
12. Prioratus Monalium de Arthyngton	11	8	4½
13. Prioratus Monalium de Essholt	13	5	4

14.	Prioratus Monalium de Hampall	-	-	-	-	63	5	8
15.	Cella de Bamburgh	-	-	-	-	116	12	6
16.	Cella de Skekirke	-	-	-	-	8	0	0
17.	Cella de Hyrste in Insula de Axholme	-	-	-	-	5	10	1
18.	Prioratus Monalium de Kyrkeleyes	-	-	-	-	19	8	1
19.	Prioratus Monalium de Ardeyne	-	-	-	-	12	0	6
20.	Prioratus de Gromonte	-	-	-	-	12	2	8
21.	Prioratus Monalium de Basedale	-	-	-	-	20	1	4
22.	Prioratus Monalium de Handale sive Gryndale	-	-	-	-	13	19	0
23.	Prioratus de Marton	-	-	-	-	151	5	4
24.	Prioratus Monalium de Thyrkehed	-	-	-	-	20	18	10
25.	Prioratus Monalium de Yolsbye (Molesby)	-	-	-	-	26	2	10
26.	Prioratus Monalium de Swyne	-	-	-	-	82	3	9½
27.	Monast. Monalium de Kelyng (Nunkeeling)	-	-	-	-	35	15	5
28.	Mon. ordine Sce. Gylberti	-	-	-	-	64	13	4
29.	Prioratus Cartusiens (Hull)	-	-	-	-	174	18	3
30.	Prioratus de Waurter	-	-	-	-	143	7	8
31.	Prioratus de Haltempyrce	-	-	-	-	100	0	3½
32.	Prioratus de Ellerton (on Spalding Moor)	-	-	-	-	62	8	10
33.	Prioratus de Fryzebye (Ferriby)	-	-	-	-	60	1	2
34.	Prioratus de Noneborneholme	-	-	-	-	8	1	11
35.	Monast. Monalium de Wylberfosse	-	-	-	-	21	16	10
36.	Abbathia de Salley	-	-	-	-	147	3	10
37.	Monast. de Oldemalton	-	-	-	-	197	19	2
38.	Prioratus de Yedingham	-	-	-	-	21	16	6
39.	Prioratus de Rosedale	-	-	-	-	37	12	5
40.	Abbathia de Agatha (Easby)	-	-	-	-	111	17	11
41.	Abbathia de Egleston	-	-	-	-	36	8	3
42.	Prioratus Monalium de Morzby (? Marrick)	-	-	-	-	48	17	2½
43.	Abbathia de Coverham	-	-	-	-	160	18	3
44.	Prioratus Monalium de Ellerton (on Swale)	-	-	-	-	15	10	6
45.	Domus Scte. Roberti nup. Knaresburgh	-	-	-	-	35	10	0
46.	Prioratus Monalium de Nonemonketon	-	-	-	-	75	12	4½

Houses not mentioned in the above list.

47.	Keldholme Nunnery	-	-	-	-	29	6	1
48.	Wykeham Nunnery	-	-	-	-	25	17	6
49.	Woodkirk cell to Nostell	-	-	-	-			
50.	Middlesborough cell to Whitby	-	-	-	-	25	17	5

There soon began to be applications for preferment out of the monasteries which were going to be dissolved.

Thomas Legh to the Prior of Guisborough.

8 Marche 1535-6. Right worshipfull, in my hertie maner I comende me to you, beinge sorie that you beinge a straunger in that contry, haue be so sore troubled, which thankes be to God and yo^r

wisdom, I trust you haue well escaped, marveling that I have not herd from you of so longe season, and where yo^r brethern at my beinge ther gave me one advocation of the parishe church of Barnyngham longing to yo^r monasterie, I desire you to cause the same to be sealed with yo^r covent seale and deliver it to this berer, and in so doing you shall deserve thankes and suche pleasiore as I may do you. Thus o^r Lorde kepe you. At London the viijth daie of Marche.

Your freynd assureyd

Thomas Legh.

To my singuler friend my lord prior of Guysboroughe.

(Vol. 102, p. 193.)

Sir George Darcy¹ to Cromwell.

1 April 1536. After my most dewe and humble recommendations unto your honourable maistership, pleasith it yow to be advertised. I have wrytten to the Kynges maiestie to be good and gracious lorde unto me as concernyng the preferment of the nonery of Swyne Abbay, wherof my wif is foundres after the decesse of hir father, besechyng your honorable maistership of yowr lovyng favour therin that I may haue the preferment therof either in ferme or otherwise as may stand with your pleasure and help, and if there be any pleasure or service I may doo yow commaunde me as yowr owyn. Syr, I require yow to gyve credence to my brother Syr Arthure Darcie therin. Wrytten at Gayforthe the first day of Aprile

By your assured & most feythfull frend and his poor

George Darcy, K^t.

To the right honorable and his especial good maister M^r Cromwell, cheif Secretarie to the Kynges highnes, be this delyuered.

(Vol. 103, p. 65.)

Christopher,² Lord Conyers, to Cromwell.

2 April 1636. In moste humble maner I recomende me unto yo^r maistership, beseching the same as my speciall good maister for to be good maister unto me and to the poore brethern of the house of Giseburn, and that by yo^r high wisdom ye wolde be meane for the same house of Giseburn unto the Kynges grace that thei may have to ther prior suche one able man of their owne house as shall

¹ Eldest son of Thomas, Lord Darcy, who was executed for participation in the Pilgrimage of Grace. He was restored and became Lord Darcy of Aston. He died 26 Sept. 1558; bur. at Brayton. M.I. His wife was Dorothy, dau. of Sir John Melton, Knt., of Aston, who brought that estate. The Meltons were descendants of the Hiltons, lords of Swine.

² Third Lord Conyers of Hornby and Skelton near Guisborough. He married Anne, dau. of Thomas, Lord Dacre, and died 14 June, 30 Henry VIII. (1538). His son John, 4th Lord, was the last in the male line, but the peerage has descended through females to the Countess of Yarborough, who has lately become Baroness Conyers.

stande withe the Kynges graciouse pleasor and yours, and that it will please yow the rather at my request to help the said house and brethern, that they for for so moche as I am heire unto Bruse ther funder by title of inheritaunce may be admitted and have of the Kinges grace his graciouse grauntes and confirmations, and to have and enyoie suche liberties as thei and my said auncetors have had within the said monasterie and the landes of the same. And I and the said monastery will therfor at the uttermost of owre powre andevor us to performe the Kinges graciouse pleasor and yowrs. I have no man but onely yo^r maistership in whome I truste. Wherfor I aftsones beseche yow be as good with them and me as may stande with the Kinges pleasiour and yours and other wais I desire not, as knowith God, who preserve yo^r maistership in honor. Writen the seconde daye of Aprill by yours to his litle powre.

Christofer Conyers.

(Vol. 103, p. 67.)

Sir Henry Everingham¹ to Cromwell.

4 April 1536. Ryght Wyrshypfull . . . yff ther be or shalbe eny suche direcon takyn for abbays that temporall men shall have eny comodyte therby I desyer yo^r maystershypp, for my preferment in thatt behalfe, to conclude ther be also dyvers abbays in thys contre whyche haue had certayn landes goven theym by myn ansytorys for certayn dewtyes whyche they haue omytted & neclecytt, wherin also I desyer yo^r maystershypp off yo^r gud and favorable helpe, & I shall gladly accordyng my lyttyll power desire yo^r gentyll kyndnes therin & yo^r further pleasur . . . from Byrkyn y^e iiijth day of Aprill.

Henry Everingham.

(Vol. 103, p. 96.)

Sir John Neyvell,² Knt., to Cromwell.

8 April 1536. Ryght honerabull my speciall and singuler good M^r I hertely comende me to you, desyryng to her of your good prossperes helthe, of the wyche I besych Jhesu long to contnew to hys plesur your hartye desyre and cumford, thankyng your m^rshyp for your kyndnes shewyd to me at altymes, for the wyche I am bond to hon to you my services so long ows leyff, ser, plesys hyt your mastershypp to understand that wer ows hyt hys let me to be acertenyd

¹ The Everinghams of Birkin had been there for several generations. Sir Henry was son of Sir John Everingham by Margaret Scargyll, and married Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Lynley of Lynley according to Tonge's Visitation. In Glover's Visitation it states he also married Anne, dau. of Sir William Fairfax.

² Sir John Nevile was a younger son of Sir John Nevile of Liversedge by Maude Rither, and founded the branch at Chevet, which he obtained by marrying Elizabeth, dau. and heir of William Bosvile, Esq., of Chevet. He was High Sheriff of Yorkshire 1518, 1523, 1527. His inq. p.m. was taken 2 Edward VI. (1546). (See pedigree Dugdale's Visitation continued, ii. 154.)

that Ser Thomas Wyntwort, knyght marscall, hathe grant of the kyngys hyghnes of the priore of Ampall for hys monay, Ser, in the honor of God be so good m^r to my son Gerves Clyfton, on of the kyngys wardys wyche I hade of the kyng for on of my doghters, that he may have hyt for hys monay, ows a noder man schall, and he schal fynd sufficient surete for the perfyrmacion of all syche comandys ows you schall demand of hym, for hys ancetors have beyn euermor fonders of that plaise, wer for in the honor of God be so good M^r to me and to my son that he may have hyt, doying for the kyngys avanteg so larghe ows a nother man wyl do, and you schalbe ows sure of hym and me next unto the kyng ows to one man levyng the deys of owr lyeff. Ser, I umbly desyre you to pardon me that I am so bold to besyche your mastershpy to haue me in rememberans emonges all other for Wallyng Wellys ows I wrot to M^r Rechard your (nephew), or some thyng hellys that hyt schall plesse your maystershpy to help me to, ows as knowys Jhesu so have you in hys blessyd kepyng. From Chette the viijth day of Aprell by y^{rs} at comandment.

John Nevyell, K^t.

(Vol. 103, p. 101.)

The Archbishop of York to Cromwell.

23 Apr. 1536. Right honorable, aftr my hertiest commendation, accordeng to your requeste made to me in your lettres, I have furthwith upon the receipte of the same sent commaundement to certayne monasteries beeing nie to Yorke, where I was than, and nowe I have given comandment to all archdeacons to warne all monasteries of lesse yerlie valewe than 11^o li., being within their archdeaconries, that they shall nothing imberille ne alien; and if they have that they shall agayne call suche thinges aliened or imberilled to their handes. Some that were noted to have received some goodes of such monasteries I called and warned that they shold in no wiese meddle with anye suche goodes, and that if they had anye suche, that they shold restore them, and forthermore if anye suche goodes shalbee offred to them, that they shold give me warneng. And for bicause most resorte for suche propose is to the cite of Yorke, I have warned the maiour of Yorke and other of his brodren therof, and speciallie the maister of the mynte upon their peril and daunger, that they receive no goodes of anye suche monasterie, and fether herin I entend to doo from tyme to tyme, as I shall see neede, and dailie doo warne suche as doo resorte to me, that they meddle not with anye suche goodes, that by them this commawndment maye bee the more published, as I trust it shalbe nowe by th'archdeacons officially wiche bee nowe all abroad, and haue speciall commawndment to sett furthe this propose.

S^r I entierlie praye you to bee good to me for ij places of the patronaige of the Archbusshoppes of Yorke, that if you shall thinke opou suche considerations as I shall alledge, that I haue reason to sue

for them, that you will helpe me with your good word, that theye bee not suppressed. The tone of them named Sainte Oswaldes is not of foundation a monasterie of religious men but is "*libera capella archiepiscopi*." No man hathe title in it but the archbushoppe; the prior therof is removable at my pleasure and accomptable to me, and the archbushoppe maye put ther, if he woll, secular prestes, and so wold I have doone at my entre, if I had not ther founde oone of myne acquayntaunce, whome I iudged meete to bee ther undre me. And moreover tharchbushoppes of Yorke had it given to them by William Rufus in exchaunge for recompense aswell of landes, as jurisdiction taken from them at the commeng of William Conquerour, as apperethe in my registres and odre old bookes, and in the same it apperethe that the saied chapell enioyethe all privilaiges, lieke as all oother the kinges free chapelles, for it was some tyme "*libera capella regia*," and for the defense of the saied privilaiges, and iurisdiccions ther, my predecessours have alwaies had writtes from the king agaynst all disturbers, bicause it is no oodrewiese but "*libera capella*" and some tyme was the Kinges.

The toodre is called Hexham upon the borders of Scotland.

Yo^r owne ever assured

Edouarde Ebor.

(Cleopatra E. iv., 239.)

Sir Ralph Ellerker,¹ the younger, and others to Cromwell.

28 May 1536. Pleasith it yowr maistership to be aduertysed, that apon Saturday the xxvjth day of May we were at the monastery of the Charterhows bysyde Hull, and there by vertue of the kyng our soueraigne lorde his commyssion and artycles to the same annexed to us and other dyrected we surveyed the said monastery accordyng to his most drad commandment. And the priour of the same hows and his bretherne were conformable to accomplysshe the said Articles in eury thyng. And Furthermore signyfieng unto your maistership that the said priour and bretherne are right well favored and commended by the honest men of Hulle, and other neighbowrs there abowtes for their good lyvyng and great hospitalite by theym dayly kepte, whiche men of Hulle and other their neighbowrs made great request unto us to desyer your maistership to be good maister unto the said priour and bretherne. And that it wold please yow of your goodnes to be meane for theym to the kynges highnesse that they myght contynew in their said hows. And they will dayly pray to God for yowr maistership in worship

¹ There were two Sir Ralph Ellerkers of Risby, both knighted at Flodden Field. The writer would most probably be the younger. He was on several commissions, and was marshal of the army in Boulogne, and died and was buried there April 1546. He had a son Sir Ralph. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

long to contynewe. From the monastery of Swyne the xxviii daye of Maye.

Yours at commandmente

Rauf Ellerker y^e yong'.

M. Constable.

Leonard Bekwith.

Hugh Fuller.

(Vol. 104, p. 64.)

Sir William Gascoigne¹ to Cromwell.

17 June 1536. Syr, in my most humblest maner I recomend me unto you, and if it please yo^r mastership to call to remembraunce that wher I am bounden to pay the Kynges grace nowe at the feast of Pentecost one hundrethe markes which I have sent to you by the bryngers herof my servaundes wherfor I besech yo^r mastership that they may know yo^r pleasur whoo shall performe y^t & that I may haue a suffycent acquyetence for my discharge for the same, and I humbly wold desyr yo^r mastership to be good master unto me as tuchyng matters betwext me and Sir Nicholas Fairfax, knight, my nephoo for he clamyth of me as well of v markes rent goyng forth of my mylnes calyd Thorparche as oder old dettes of which I payd his grandfather xlii yeres sens, wherin I desyr yo^r mastership to be gwod to me, seyin thatt I may have yo^r favorable letters to my lord Darcy to be good to me therin, for ther ys one comission comyd down so to my lord & oder for the seyde matters betwext hym and me, and I most humbly desyr yo^r mastership to be good master unto me that if the abbay callyd Nonmonkton, which is a nunnery & of my ancestors fondacon, goo to the Kinges Augmentacon thatt I may haue the preferment therof, paying to the Kynges grace as muych as oder wyll. And also I humbly desyr yor mastership to be good master to me in all my causes, & if ther be any service that I can do yo^r mastership I shalbe att yo^r commaundement att all tyme as knoweth Almighty God whom kepe you long in helth.

From Gawkthorp the xvijth day of June

By yours at all your comandement

William Gascoigne.

To the Right Worshipfull & his singular good Maister Secretary on of the kinges most honorable consell this be delyuered.

(Vol. 104, p. 186.)

¹ There were many Sir William Gascoignes in succession at Gawthorp. This writer seems to be the son of the Sir William who married Lady Margaret Percy. He was married four times, and his will was proved at York 23 March 1551-2. He must not have been successful in his application for the nunnery of Nun Monkton, as it was granted to Lord Latimer,

The Earl of Westmorland¹ to Cromwell.

? 1536. Sir, I beseeche you haue me in remembruns touching thabbay of Blaunchlond and the pryorye of the nonnes of Keldhom, and my olde suyte, and I wolle do therfor as any other wolle.

(Vol. 102, p. 131.)

It is rather difficult to make out exactly what happened to the monasteries during the rest of the year 1536, after the passing of the Act of Suppression. The commissioners who had been appointed seem to have visited all the houses and taken possession of them, though they were not exactly suppressed. Leonard Beckwith was instituted receiver of the finances, and he began to collect the rents. His first account dates from the Feast of the Archangel.² He appears to have had authority to sell the plate, cattle, and other moveable property. He mentions in several cases that the sites and lands had been leased. Some few of the priories were, however, allowed to continue.

1536, 28 August. The Carthusian Priory of St. Michael, Hull, to continue with Ralph Malquerere, prior. (Patent Roll.)

1536, 9 Sept. House of Marrick to continue.

1536, 14 Dec. Benedictine Priory of St. Mary and St. Helen Nunkeeling to continue with Joan Alenson as prioress. (Patent Roll.)

1536, 13 June. Commissioners arrived at Clementhorpe.

1536, 31 Aug. Nuns turned out. (R.O. Exch. Augt. Off., Mins. Acct., 178, m. 14d.)

The dissolution of the monasteries was not all popular in the north of England, and great dissatisfaction arose, as it was not known what other events would follow. On October 1st

¹ Ralph Nevile, 4th Earl of Westmorland. He seems to have been ultimately successful in his suit, as the site of Keldhome nunnery was granted to him in 1538.

² Account of Leonard Bekwith, particular receiver of the Lord the King, as well of all and singular the lordships, manors, lands, and tenements, and other possessions and revenues whatsoever, to all and singular the late monasteries or priories there belonging, which came to the King's hands, and are in his hande and annexed to his crown and the crown of his heirs and successors, Kings of England, in augmentation of the revenues of the same crown of England, by virtue of a certain act provided thereupon in his parliament begun at London 3 November, 21 Henry VIII., and from there adjourned to Westminster, and continued by several prorogations to 4 February, 27 Henry VIII. (1535-6). In the same act, amongst other things, is contained, as of the sums arising from the value of all the goods and chattels belonging to the said late monasteries or priories, and coming in like manner to the King's hands by virtue of the act aforesaid, to wit, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1536), to the same feast in the 28th year, to wit, for one entire year.

an insurrection began in Lincolnshire, but not being adequately supported lasted not more than a fortnight.

A much more serious rising, however, occurred in Yorkshire the beginning of October, called the Pilgrimage of Grace,¹ when Robert Aske, who was on his way to London, was persuaded to become the leader, and a large force assembled, which afterwards increased so much that nearly all Yorkshire was in a blaze. It was not till the King had made many promises that the insurrection came to a standstill.

Many of the monasteries became implicated, the chief of them being Sawley, Bridlington, Jervaulx, Watton.

It seems probable that Sawley had been leased to Sir Arthur Darcy. The two following letters will shew that the Earl of Derby had been ordered to look after Sawley, and that the monks there had appealed to Sir Thomas Percy for assistance :—

Henry VIII. to the Earl of Derby.²

19 Oct. 1536. Right trusty and right welbelovedd we grete youe well, And wheras by our former letters addressed unto you we gaue youe specelly our comaundment not only to put your forces in redynes but also uppon advertisement from our cousin of Shrewsbury, our lieutenant for the repression of the rebellion in the north parties, with all your said forces spedily to addresse yourself unto him where-ever he shuld chance to be understanding, sithens that there hath been like insurrections and assemblies lately attempted in the bordres of Lancasher specially that the abbey of Salley and other partes therabout so moche as th'abbot and monkes be again by the traitors of thar assemblee restored to the possession of the said Abbey as we be enformed, We have determyned and resolved any thing in our said former lettres and the contrary herof notwithstanding to comaunde your that gathering all your said forces together and calling unto you all the gentlemen in the countrey theraboutes you shall immediately uppon the sight herof procede with the same to the repression of the said assemblye in the said bordures of Lancasher, or elles where within or near the same if any such do yet contynue as semblably to the repression of all such like attempts that shalbe enterprised in those parties, and to travayl to th' attempt of your power to apprehende the capitaynes and chief doers of the same, and eyther to cause these like traitors to be then executed or elles to sende them uppe hither unto us in sure and sauf custody, specially going in the

¹ It is not proposed to enter into an account of the "Pilgrimage of Grace." There are many letters and accounts of the trials of Aske and other persons implicated in the State Papers, which it is hoped will some time be printed in full.

² Edward Stanley, 3rd Earl of Derby. He would be brother-in-law to the Duke of Norfolk.

partes with all your said forces to the said abbey of Salley in case ther be not more nede of redresse in other places, in which case you shall first redresse that which hath most nede and after the other. And yf you shall fynde the late abbot and monkes therof remayning in the possession of the house, having receyved it again at the handes of such traitors and rebelles, we woll that you shall take the said Abbot and monkes with their assystantes fourth with violence, and without any maner of delaye, in their monkes apparail cause them to be hanged upp as right arrant traitors and movers of insurrection and sedition, accordingly having speciall regard throughtout all the cuntry and partes about you that no towne or village begynne to assemble or gather together, but that they maye with the sworde be immediatley repressed to the terrible example of all others . . . And doubt you not but we shall so remember your charges and consider your services that you shal have cause to be satisfied and contented. And for your sufficient auctoritie for the purpose to levye a force and people in those partes about you we send unto you herewith a commission under our privy seale which shalbe your discharge at all tymes in that behalf. (Vol. 108, p. 205.)

Monastery of Sawley to Sir Thomas Percy,¹ Knt.

(?) Christmas 1536. In most humble wise sheweth and complayneth unto your most noble Mastership, your daylie oratours and beydemen th'abbot and convent of the monasterie of our blessed ladie of Saley of your most anciente and noble auncetours fundacon . . . And therefore in our right hartly maner desirethe your especiall good . . . to consider our most urgent causes and nede at this tyme by reason of the suppression of oure Monasterie as well of all ornaments, gooddes, catailles. [The MS. so torn that the following abstract is taken from the Calendar.] The whole cuntry supports them in entering their house and is ready to extend the pilgrimage of Christ's Faith and the commonwealth, because it is rumoured that the captain has resigned his captainship, and that order is made for the farmers of suppressed houses to enter and occupy, and the religious to avoid possession until the Parliament, whereof neither place nor time is yet fixed, and this has given rise to suspicion. They mistrust their most sinister back friend Sir Arthur Darcy, and are advised by the commons to remain in their house. Beg to know his pleasure for the succour of their house, which has been well helped by the right worshipfull Sir Stephen Hamerton, Knight, and Nicholas Tempest, esquier.

To the Honorable and our moste speciall good master Sir Thomas Percy, Knyght. (Vol. 108, p. 212.)

¹ Sir Thomas Percy was younger son of Henry Algernon, 5th Earl of Northumberland, and brother of Henry, 6th Earl. For his actions in assisting, with his brother Sir Ingelram Percy, "The Pilgrimage of Grace," he was attainted and executed 2 June 1537 at Tyburn, being buried at Crutched Friars Church. He married Eleanor, daughter of Guiscard Harbottle, and left two sons, who became successively 7th and 8th Earls of Northumberland, his elder brother the 6th Earl having died without issue.

When the year 1537 began there was still great excitement in Yorkshire, although Aske had been to London to see the King, who promised forgiveness for all who had been implicated in the last rebellion. Aske returned the beginning of January, and seems to have tried to quiet the people. He was not, however, successful, as a fresh insurrection arose under the leadership of John Hallom, Sir Francis Bigod, and Sir John Bulmer. The towns of Hull and Scarborough were attacked, but the attempt to take them failed, and the leaders were taken prisoners.

In the meantime the Duke of Norfolk, having been appointed the King's Lieutenant in the North, set out to come to Yorkshire. He arrived the end of January, and soon began to exercise severity on the offenders according to the King's orders, as the following letter will shew :—

The Duke of Norfolk¹ to Cromwell.

1536-7, 13 Feb. My veray good Lorde . . . Also with this ye shall receyve a bill of the namys of such as be nowe cast and where execution shalbe done . . . From Yorke the xijth daie of Feb^r.

Yours assewredly

T. Norfolk.

[Addressed :—] To the ryght honorable and my singuler good Lorde my Lorde previe seale.

It'm ij Chanons of Warter to bee hangid in Chaynes at Yorke, of whome oon was sometyme Supprior² of the hous, and thother kechynner, and alsoo ij yemen, the oon called Fenton and thother Cawnte.

It'm the Supprior of Watton to be hangid yn Chaynes at Watton.

¹ Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk, was son of Thomas, 2nd Duke. He was born 1473, and married 1st Lady Anne, 3rd daughter of Edward IV., who died young without issue; 2ndly, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham. He fought at Flodden, and filled many offices, being Lord Admiral and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. When the "Pilgrimage of Grace" began he commanded the army for its suppression, and after had to take possession of Bridlington and other abbeys and punish the offenders. He became Lord President of the Council of the North from April 1537 to Oct. 1538. Notwithstanding all his services he narrowly escaped execution, Henry VIII. dying the night before the day that was fixed for it. He was buried at Framlingham. His eldest son, the celebrated Earl of Surrey, was executed by Henry VIII., and his son, the 4th Duke, suffered the same fate in the reign of Elizabeth for his intrigues with Mary Queen of Scots. The present Duke is his direct descendant.

² Henry Gyll was sub-prior of Watton. In the first insurrection the monks wanted to elect a new prior "because the prior had fled to the Lord Cromwell, being one of his promotion, and had left three or four score brethren and sisters of the same house without 40s. to succour them." Aske deputed the sub-prior to manage the house in the prior's absence (Calendar, xii., 6). He had, with the monks, been very active in the second rebellion. There is an account of his examination when apprehended (Calendar, xii., 98).

Others kepte yet in prisone.

A frere for sedicious preching whiche the lerned mene here woll not determyne to be treasone withoute aduertisemente of the Justices from thens whos Confession signed with his owne hande shalbe with this.

Such Ringleaders as cannot yet bee gotten but as we thinke here bee fled oute of thies parties

the frere of Knaresborough

As concernyng the Monkis of Sawley and thother Abbeys I cannot yet speke of their offences, but on sundaye I doubte not to doo.

(Vol. 116, p. 20.)

Henry VIII. to the Duke of Norfolk.

1536-7, 22 Feb. Right trusty etc. cousin Fourth our pleasour is that you shall with diligence sende uppe in perfite suertie unto us the traitors, Bygode, the fryer of Grasborough,¹ Leche, if he may be taken and oon doctor pykering, a chanon of birdlington Finally forasmoche as all these troubles haue ensued by the sollicitac'on and traitorous conspiracyes of the monkes and chanons of those parties, we desire and pray you at yo repair to Salleys, Hexam, Newmynster, Leonerd Coste,² Saincte Agithe,³ and all suche other places as haue maid any maner of resistance or in any wise conspired or kept their houses with any force sithens thappointement at Dancaster you shall without pitie or circumstance nowe that our baner is displayed cause all the monkes and chanons that be in any wise faultie to be tyed up without further delaye or ceremony to the terrible exemple of others.

[Endorsed:—] The Mynute of the lettre sent to my lorde of Norff. the xxij of February.

(Vol. 116, p. 92.)

Henry VIII. to the Duke of Norfolk.

1536-7, 17 March. . . . You are also to proceed against the abbot of Gervaise and the quondam of Fountains, for whose apprehension we heartily thank you; also against the abbot of Salley⁴ if you can find matter worthy of it, as we doubt not you shall. You may remember the letter sent by him to Sir Thomas Percy. We refer the arraignment and execution of the persons bailed by Sir Ralph Ellerker and others to your discretion. The rest we are content to take to mercy. From my lord of Durham's declaration, and other evidences, we see that the Friars Observats are disciples of the bp. of Rome and sowers of sedition. You shall therefore do your best

¹ Knaresborough.

² Lanercroft.

³ Easby.

⁴ The abbot of Sawley was not tried with his brother abbots in May. He is said to have been hung at Carlisle at an earlier date.

to apprehend the friars of that faction, and place them in other houses of friars as prisoners, without liberty to speak to any man, till we shall determine our further pleasure about them. Finally, we shall within a few days send for Lord Darcy, as you advise.

(Calendar, xii., 1, 293.)

Sir Arthur Darcy writes about Sawley Abbey.

Sir Arthur Darcy¹ to Cromwell.

25 Feb. 1536-7. Ytt schall lyke yowr guid lordschip to be aduertysed y^{tt} att barnacastell affter y^{tt} my lord off Norfolkke hadd herid off ye dysscomfytur off the canons of Westmorland y^{tt} Sir Rycherd Tempest hadd delyuered to ye abbott & covent off Sawley my sayd lordes letter in ye kynges name to aduoyd ther possession off Sawley uppon ye payn to be reputyd as ye Kynges Rebels, to whyche letter the Abbott & monkes obbeyd, & then my lord badd me choze whether I wolld go to Sawley or to send thedd', & seing the jorney broken in effect by ye dyscomfytur off ye sayd canons I toke my leffe & went by Couerdalle & Wensledale to Sawley, where I found iij seruantes off Syr Ryc^d Tempestes y^t hadd resseyuyd ye possessyon with oon of my tenauntes, for off trewthe they haue wastyd in effect all ye lyttyll gooddes, catalles, schepe & haue takyn upp my hallf yeres rentes off my holl landes, so I dyd aske for ye Abbott & no I herd priuily where he was, & I dydd send there a xij off my seruantes & dyd take hym, & he makes hymssellff as thoff he can neyther rydd nor goo & holly dothe lay all ye blame to ye canons y^{tt} contrary hys wyll they putt hym in, so I trust schortly to trye ye hall trewthe wherin I do labor as I cam away from sawley I dyd here y^{tt} Leche, & other hys lyke were in Lonyssdall & theyr I dyd send for them, & I went mysellff to Kettyllwell where I herd y^{tt} the sayd owtlaws were, where they were nott, & as yett I here nott from my sayd men y^{tt} went for Leche & his fellos butt lyttyll is fois (?) off them, for blessyd be god ye contreyes here are well steyed to good obbessance hyerly (?) thankyng ye kynges grace for hys pardon, & by ther mysdemeanors off ye accetes of themselfes they arr well instructyd to know ye kyng & hys lawes, my lord lewtenant lettes for no paynes to purssew ye correccyon off ye offendyrs, no thyng regardyng euyll seasonnes off weddyres nor ye fowlle wayes butt styll ppon them as he heres wher any byssynes scholld arye so as by hys polycey & cure the contrey is in a very good frame, my good lord I requyrs yow to be my good lord y^{tt} I be nott chargyd with my surtes for ye abbey

¹ He was a younger son of Lord Darcy, who was beheaded for his share in "the Pilgrimage of Grace." Sir Arthur, however, was not at all implicated with his father. He was rewarded by a grant of Sawley Abbey and other monastic possessions. He died 3 April 1560, and was buried in the same church, St. Botolph without Aldgate, as his father. From his son Thomas descended Conyers Darcy, created Lord Darcy and Conyers, ancestor of the Earls of Holderness of Hornby.

is gooddes y^{tt} I neuer reyceffyd (?), I haue payd an Clx ti yett off ye rest I wold y^{tt} y^e kynges grace wold releas me, I haue wrytyn to Mearrs to putt yow in remembrance, my father is in Pomfrett by ye kynges lett' & commaundment & surly whatt so eu' ye kynges hyenes comands hym to do he sayth yatt he is redy to obbey, y^{tt} off a surtye his deseas growes appon hym & he determinyng hymselff after thes byssynes to drawe him to quyettnes & to break hys howses & to lyff with a small company tyll he be owt off dett he dyd putt away Strangwyssse at my first comyng my lord I am calld to wrytt to yow thoff ye schull harddly rede my hand.

Att my farewell ye comandyd me to wryt to yow whiche I do obbey, my lord I do send to yow an examynacyon off oon off my seruantes whyche apperes y^{tt} ye relygoos persoones dyd styrr & procure thys pestelent sedicyon & nott only thatt butt wold haue eftsoones quyckend & reuyffyd the same, oonles off my faythe as I thynke y^{tt} my lord lewtenant with all y^e gentyllmen doo stopp ye cawsores & brewtores, I haue said ye lyke to my lord lewtenant to whom schortly I schall resort affter y^{tt} my horssyes be any thyng refressched lyke ytt your lordship to gyf orders to my seruant thys berer & ye holygost presserue yow, From Pomfrett this xxv day off February att yowr lordschypes comandment, my lord I bessyche your lordschypp y^{tt} I may know yo^r pleasur in wrytting whatt ye wyll command me to whiche I schall follow to my power

Arthur Darcy.

[Addressed:] To ye Ryght honerabyll & my very good lord my lord preuy seall.

[Endorsed:] Sir Arthure Darcy the xxv of February shewing the pacyfyinge of the Reb'ells in the Northe & howe he tooke possessyon of Sawley Abbaye.

(Vol. 116, p. 117.)

At this date there were three letters from Sir William Musgrave, Thomas de la River, and Sir Brian Hastings, asking for gifts of the monasteries and for Hampole Priory not to be suppressed.

Sir William Musgrave¹ to Cromwell.

1536-7, 17 Mar. To the Right Honorable myn espesall good lorde my lorde Prevey Sealle.

Right honorable and my espeschall good Lord. This shalbe to advertis youre lordshipe that wher ther is a vere small priore of nonys callyd Esholt within a lordshipe of my lait graunfather Sir Christopher Ward, who lyeth ther, callyd the manner of Esholt, which standeth vere commodyslye for me, the holle valew thereof by yere xix li. or there about, wherfore my request shalbe unto youre lordshipe that it may pleas yow to be so much my good lord as to helpe me to

¹ Sir William Musgrave of Hartley Castle, co. Westm., was son of Sir Edward Musgrave, who married Joan, dau. and coheir of Sir Christopher Ward of Guiseley, who died 1521.

the sayme of the Kings Highnes for me and my heres, not only for suche puer servyce as I have downe unto his Grace but also for the same I am content to release unto youre lordshipe during the mynorite of John Tamworth and also shall accompte myself therby by youre lordeshipe. Which is my speciall dissiare and request yf this may stand with your pleasure. That I may have the Kinges Highnes letter in breff tyme Unto the Pryores and convent for the premyssees commaunding them to ssaye all ther gudes and ther commoditise ffrom any further saill or other grauntes. And thus I pray God to preserve youre good lordshipe in myche honor and comfortes such as youre nobill harte requyerith. Wrytten at Yourke this 17th day of Marche.

Your Lordshipes to command

William Musgrave.

(Vol. 117, p. 29.)

Thomas Dalaryvere¹ to Cromwell.

1536-7. I humblie beseche your good lordshipe to have me in remembrance to the king hys highnes of the monastery of Bastall in the countie of Yorke within the Northe Ryding of the same countie, now in the handes of Sir John Bomere, knight, by rasone of a leasse which he bought oon Thomsone, merchaunt Taylor of Londone, which sayd leasse is now in the custodie of Sir Rauf Evers, knight, and the said Sir Rauf Evers contented that I shall have the leasse therof if it be your lordshipes pleasure. And if it be not your lordshipes pleasure that I shall have this I beseche your lordshipe to remember me of the offyce of the keping of Ffosse, being in the sayd countie and in the sayd countie Ryding now in the handes of the Lord Darcy.

Your S'uunt and Daylie Oratoure

Thomas Dalaryvere.

(Vol. 116, p. 174.)

Brian Hastings² to Cromwell.

1537, 13 Apr. To the Ryght Honorable and my especiall good lorde my lord Prevey Seale be this lettere delyvered.

Plesythe youre honorable lordshipe at this my pore instance to be so good lorde unto one pore house of Nunes called Hampole, whiche are neare neighbors unto me and of good name, fame, and rule, and so reputed and taken amonges all the Cuntrey aboute me, to the whiche house the kynge is so good and gracious lorde unto the sayd house

¹ There is a pedigree of the De La Ryvers of Brandsby in Glover's Visitation, Foster's Ed., 601. The monastery referred to is probably Basedale, a Cistercian nunnery, which was granted, 36 Hen. VIII. (1544), to Sir Ralph Bulmer and John Thinde.

² Sir Brian Hastings, Knt., of Fenwick, mar. Agnes, dau. of Thomas Portington of Barnby Don. He made his will 2 Aug. 1537, proved at York 8 Oct. 1540. His son Sir Francis Hastings, Knt., who died in 1558, left only three daughters.

by the order and direccion of youre lordshipe and others of the kynges most honorable counsell shall not be suppressed bot to remayne and stande and have more religious women assigned unto them. And as yet they have not ther confirmacione that that they have not bene of abilitie for to serve for the same. Wherefore I shall estsones desyre youre honorable lordshipe to be so good lord unto the said pore house that they may have theyre sayd confirmacion for the whiche they have moved me to write unto your seyde lordship, and they wylbe your daily bedwomen, and further that it will please youre good lordshipe to call to youre remembrance that at my last being with youe at London the kynge was a good and gracious lorde unto me to graunte me the parsonage of Campsall fore terme of one hundreth yeres, and I have the kynges bylle assigned for the same. And also the Prevey Seale of the same and now master Chaunceler of the Augmentacyons wyll not suffer it to pass the seale for what cause I knowe not. Wherein I shall desire you to be so good lorde unto me, for insomuche as it is commoved and namyd in my cuntry that I shulde have it and now letted I will rather lese more then I will speke of. Wherefore good my lorde as my especiall truste is in youre lordshipe be good to me herin and ye shall have my servyce as I am bounde to doo, and that ye will gyffe ferther credence to my frende this berer herein. And thus owre Lorde God preserve you longe with honoure. Stristhorpe this 13th day of Aprill.

Your Lp's bonden

Brian Hastings.

(? Vol. 118, p. 168.)

On May 15, 1537, the trial of "the Northern men" who had been apprehended for rebellion began.

Indictment charging that Thomas, Lord Darcy, of Tempel-hirst, Robt. Constable of Flamburgh, Sir Fras. Bygott of Sedryngton, Sir Thomas Percy of Seymer, Sir John Bulmer of Wilton, Margaret Cheyne (wife of William Cheyne, late of London, esquire), Sir Stephen Hamerton of Wyggylsworth, Geo. Lumley of Thwyng, Ralph Bulmer of London (son and heir-apparent of the said Sir John Bulmer), Robt Aske of Awghton, James Cokerell, clerk, rector of Lythe, quondam prior of Gysborough, Nic. Tempest of Baschehalle, William Woode, prior of Bridlyngton, John Pykeryng of Lythe, clerk, John Pykeryng of Bridlington, friar of the order of Friars Preachers, Adam Sedbar, abbot of Jerveulx, and William Thirske, clerk, of Founteyns, quondam abbot of Founteyns, did, 10 Oct., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536), as false traitors, with other traitors, at Shyrbourn, Yorks, conspire to deprive the King of his title of Supreme Head of the English Church, and to compel him to hold a certain Parliament and convocation of

the clergy of the realm, and did commit divers insurrections, etc., at Pountepel, divers days and times before the said 10th of October. And at Doncaster 20 Oct., 28 Hen. VIII., traitorously assembled to levy war, and so continued a long time. And although the King in his great mercy pardoned the said Darcy and others (named) their offences committed before 10 Dec., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536), nevertheless they, persevering in their treasons, on 17 Jan., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536-7), at Sedryngton, Tempylhyrst, Flamboroughe, Beverley, and elsewhere, after the same pardon, again falsely conspired for the above said purposes and to annul divers wholesome laws made for the common weal, and to depose the King; and to that end sent divers letters and messengers to each other 18 Jan., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536-7), and at other days and times after the said pardon. And that Sir Francis Bygod and George Lumley 21 Jan., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536-7), and divers days and times after the said pardon, at Sedryngton, Beverlay, and Scarborough, and elsewhere, with a great multitude in arms, did make divers traitorous proclamations to call men to them to make war against the King, and having thereby assembled 500 persons did, 22 Jan., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536-7), levy war against the King.

And thus the said jury say that Bygot and Lumley conspired to levy cruel war against the King. And moreover the said jury say that the others above named, 22 Jan., 28 Hen. VIII. (1536-7), etc., falsely and traitorously abetted the said Bygott and Lumley in their said treasons.

In margin : Bella vera.

(Calendar, xii., i., 555.)

Many of the prisoners who had been found guilty were speedily executed, though some were kept longer in prison.

Robert Holdsworth, the vicar of Halifax, seems to have been in London at the time, and to have sent the following information to his friend Sir Henry Savile, Knt. :—

Robert Holdsworth,¹ priest, to Sir Henry Savile.²

26 May 1537. As ys Fryday in Whytson day wook S^r John Bomer (Bulmer), S^r Stephan Hamerton, Nicolles Tempest, y^e Abbot

¹ Robert Holdsworth, the vicar of Halifax, was a strong supporter of the King, and had a troublous life. He was at last murdered by thieves in his vicarage, being buried in Halifax Church 10 May 1556. There is an excellent life of him, by Mr. John Lister, M.A., in the *Halifax Antiquarian Society's Transactions*.

² Sir Henry Savile of Thornhill and Sothill, which latter estate he had by his wife. He was High Sheriff 1537—41, and died in 1558.

of Gerves,¹ y^e Abbot quondam of Fontaunce² (th'abbott quondam of Rievaus—this crossed out³), and of Bryddylton⁴ wher drawne to Tyborne and y^r put to exicucon, and y^e lady y^e wyffe of Sir John Bomer at y^t tyme with them was drawne with out Newgatt and thens to Smythfeld and y^r burned At London y^e even of y^e Trinite after myde day 1537.

Yors holly

R. H., pryst.

To y^e Ryght Wor[shipf]ull and interly belouyd S^r Henry Sayvel, K^t, y^{ls} be dd. at Soyththyl Hall.

(Vol. 120, 204.)

Sir William Parr⁵ writes to Cromwell about Jervaulx Abbey.

Sir William a Parr. To the Right Honorable and verey singler goode lorde, my lorde Privey Seall, be theis delyvered.

1537, 28 May. Right honorable and my verey singler good lorde my dutye remembred unto youre lordeshipe in my hartiest maner I commend me unto. And where as my late being withe youre lordeshipe at London I shewed you that I had moved the Kings Highnes to be good and graciouse lorde unto me for the preferment of Gervaxe Abbey in Yorkeshire, Whereof I am ffownder, in cace it weyre suppressed. And at that tyme it pleased youre lordeshipe of your goodnes to assure me of your ffavor and ffurtheramire in the same my sute. Theis shalbe to beseke youre good

¹ Adam Sadber, the last abbot of Jervaulx, was mixed up in both insurrections. For his actions in the second one he was apprehended and sent to the Tower. There is an account of his examination and confession in the State Papers (Calendar, i., 1035, 1269).

² William Thyske had been compelled to resign the abbotship of Fountains, as will be seen on p. 7. He seems to have been living at Jervaulx at the time of the second rebellion and to have got mixed up in it.

³ Edward Kirkby was abbot of Rievaux, but had been deprived and pensioned, a fresh abbot, Roland Blyton, having been appointed. Kirkby must have been found to have been implicated in the rebellions. He was put in the Tower, and there was a charge for his maintenance there for six weeks at 6s. 8d. a week. He was sentenced with the other abbots, but probably got reprieved, as there is a mention of him in October 1537 as moving about his pension. See the article on Edward Kirkby, abbot of Rievaux, by Mr. Wm. Brown, F.S.A., in the "Yorkshire Arch. Journal," xxi., 44.

⁴ William Woode, the last prior of Bridlington. He and his monks appear to have supported the rebellions. His examination and confession, 24 April 1537, are in the State Papers (Calendar, xii., 1, 1019-20).

⁵ Sir William Parr was son of Sir Thomas Parr, K.G., of Kendal. His grandmother was daughter of Lord Fitzhugh. The members of that family in succession were patrons of Jervaulx, consequently Sir William Parr, having succeeded to their inheritance, was considered the founder of the abbey. He was born about 1513, and was one of the persons appointed to try the Lincolnshire rebels, seeing many of them executed. For his services he was created Lord Parr of Kendal, and subsequently Marquis of Northampton. His sister Katherine became the last of Henry the VIII.'s wives.

lordeshipe to have my said sute in remembrance, ffor I am informed there is instant labor made by others in theis behalf. Wiche I dowbte not youre lordeshipe being good lorde unto me. I wolde be verey lothe to be disapointed herein considering I moved the matter not onely to the Kings Highnes but allso to your lordeshipe. And ffurther I am fflownnder of the saide howse, by reason whereof yf I weyre smallye regarded and litle estemed and that shulde redownnde to my dishonestye and greate reproche, wiche I troste youre lordeshipe shalbe assured of me at all tymes to be at youre Commaundement to the uttermost of my powier. As knowethe the Lorde, who preserve youre lordeshipe in moche honor. ffrome Benington the xxviiith day of this present monthe.

Yours to commande

William Parr.

The monasteries of Bridlington and Jervaulx, having assisted the leaders of the Pilgrimage of Grace, were seized upon by the King, and the Duke of Norfolk was ordered to take possession of them and their properties.

The Duke of Norfolk to Henry VIII.

10 May 1537. . . . If your highnes pleasure be to haue the howses of Brydlington and Jerves to be suppressed, uppon your pleasure knowen theryn I shall with diligence ryde thither and accomplishe your commawndement, and under your highness' correction I thinke most convenient for dyuerse causes that I shold be at the suppressing, aswell bycause the cuntrees abowtes them be popelouse and the howses greatlie beloued with the people, and also as I think well stored of Cataill and other thinges profitable that woll not come all to light so well if I be absent as if I be present, and, Sir, if it be your pleasure that I shalbe there let me haue with me M^r Magnus, Sir George Lawson, Leonarde Beckwithe and Blitheman, And I shall appoynte with them Vuedale and Anthony Rous treasowur of my house to surveye the landes and to take inventaries of the gooddes and cataill and to see the same well praysed, these men I thinke loke to haue none of the fermes of your maiestie, and therefore woll loke for your profight, where as others that wold haue them peradventure wold not so do. The said M^r Magnus and my servaunt be perfightely skylled men in Surveying of londes, and I am sure woll do trewlie. Jerves is right well furnisshed with lede in the coveryng of their houses, but as for Brydlington I thinke hathe none like it in your hole realme for it hath a barne covered all with lede, the lengest, the wydest, and the depest roved that ever I sawe. I cannot thinke the lede of all the house can be so litle worthe as iij or iiij M^{li} and dothe stande nere the see, yeasilie to be caryed. If I may knowe your pleasure hereyn by tewesday nyght I wolbe there or Whitsontyde and put eu'y thing yn order and retourne hither on Saturdaye. The defferryng therof may turne your highnes in besiling

of many things to some losse, Sir, in myne opinion the howsehold stuff or at the lest as moche as is good & woll serue aswell of the Lord Darces Sir Robert Constables¹bulm's¹ of the abbayes if ye woll haue them suppressed and of others of thiese p'ties that shall now forfet the same to your majestie wer best to be browght hither and by one appoynted by you to haue the Rowle therof to be receyved by Indenture, and the same to kepe here as in one of your wardrobys both to serue for your Cownsaill of these p'ties if ye woll haue any suche, or if ye woll hereafter send any noble man to come and lye here for a tyme, havng the house before furnisshed with stuff may the Souer' make hast hither withowte taryeng for sendyng for his owen. And also, Sir, if god shall hereafter send youe so many Sones (as I shall daylie pray he may) that your pleasure shalbe to haue one of them dwell in thiese p'ties, your charges shalbe the lesse to furnysshe hym. And surely if the saide stuff shold be sold here ye shold not haue the therde parte for it that it shall cost youe to bye suche newe. Finallye, Sir, if it may stond with your pleasure with diligence to commawnde me shortely to dispeache the servantes of such as shall nowe be cast at London, ye shall the more alleviate your charges, for unto that tyme ye shalbe at no small charge. And if your pleasure be I shall so dispeache them I beseche your highnes I may knowe your pleasure, what I shall yeve to euery of them aswell servauntes as Religiousse persones. And also, Sir, if it shall stonde with your pleasure in the Whitsonwek I woll ryde to Jervas, to put lyke order there From Shrifhton the xth daye of Maye.

Your most humble seruant and Subiect

T. Norfolk.

[Addressed :—] To the kinges highnes.

(Vol. 120.)

Henry VIII. to the Duke of Norfolk.

1537, 13 May. By the king. Right trusty and right entierly beloued Cousen we grete you well. And haue as well receyved your seuerall l'res addressed unto us by our seruaunt Will'm Maunsell thone declaring the findyng of thindictamentes the condempnacions of the two Monkes of Charterhouse withe certain other thinges touching our affaires, thother conteynyng the particular causes whiche moved you soo instantly to desire licence for your repaire into these parties as at good lenght harde the credence comytted to the said Maunsell. For aunswere wherunto Furst you shall undrestand that we take your procedinges in as good parte as your selfe coulde wishe and for the same give unto you oure most hartie thanks. Secunde as concernyng the hous of Bridlington and Gerves w^{ch} shall come to our handes by thatt ende of the gouernors of the same Like as we entend to take and use our right therin soo approving your devyse for the direction therof we desire and praye you conformably therunto to take the payne in person to Repair to those houses and to ensewe

¹ These two words seem to have been written over an erasure.

suche ordre bothe for the taking of the Inventories of the goodes of the same, the survey of the landes belonging unto them, and the bestowing of suche stuff as appertayneth to the same and to such other as be indicted there is mete for our use as your selfe hathe diuised, not doubting but you will see euerye thing done in suche sorte and with suche dexteritie as shall appertaigne. And as concerning the discharge of the servantes of the said persons indicted and of the Religious in the said houses we be content you shall give unto eu'y of them after theire qualities and degrees suche money at their departing as your wisdomes shall thinke mete for our honor and the better satisfaction of them in that behaulf, trusting neuertheles that you no further charge us therin thenne with good consideration shalbe convenient and necessarie.

[Endorsed :—] the mynitte of the kynges l're sent to my lord of Norfolk the xiiijth of May.

(Vol. 120.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Henry VIII.

1537, 16 May. May it pleas your maiestie to be aduertised that yesternyght I receyved your lettres of the xiiijth of this monethe, And notwithstanding that I have been this night sore handeled with my disease, yet with goddes grace I shalbe this night at bridlington, and haue appointed to be there with me for the sure surveyyng of the Londes and gooddes Maister Magnus, Sir George Lawson, Leonard Beckwith, William Blytheman, Fuller your highnes auditour of thaugmentaçon in these parties, and my servant Anthony Rous, So that I doubte not your maiestie shalbe trewly served there. And on this day Seven nyght I woll ryde god willing to Jervaise with like persons for like intent . . .

[Endorsed :—] My Lord of Norfolks lettres to the Kings highnes xviiiij may.

(Vol. 120.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Henry VIII.

1537, 18 May. My veray good Lorde with most herty recommendations Thies shalbe taduertise you that I haue caused all the gooddes of this house to be vyewed and wryten, and the best of it to be caryed to Shrifhton. And forbycause ther is many thinges to be done here wheryn is veray requisate to know the kinges highnes pleasure howe the same shalbe ordered, whiche wold be veray Long to be wryten, I haue sent Leonerd beckwith to your good Lordshippe to declare all the said matiers unto you to thentent that all things may be ordered here and at Jervase according to the kinges highnes pleasure.

Yours assewredly

T. Norffolk.

[Addressed :—] To my veray good Lord my Lord Pryvey Seale.

[Endorsed :—] my lord of Norfolks lettres to my lord xviiiij maij with a remembrance dñd by Bekw^h.

(Vol. 120, f. 144.)

Matthew Boynton¹ to Cromwell.

1537, 20 May. Pleas it your goode Lordeshipe to be aduertissed that it haith liked my Lord of Norffolkes grace to be so goode Lorde unto me as to write unto your Lordeshipe in my favour concernyng the Stewardeshipe of the Landes belonging to the House of Bridlington, nowe newly suppressed, wherfore I humbly beseche your Lordeshipe to be so goode unto me as to move the kinges highenes therof. And if thorough your lordeshipes meanes I mought opteyn the same I truste to doe unto the kinges saide maiestie as goode seruice as any man of my poor degree in theis parties. My lorde it is a thing whiche liethe verey nye unto me and within the space of three myle, Wherfor estesoones for the same I hartely desir and praye your goode Lordeshipe, And truste your Lordeshipe wolbe as good lorde, &c., &c. At Bridlington the xxth daie of Maie.

Yours at commandment, &c.,

Matho Boynton.

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Cromwell to the Duke of Norfolk.²

22 May 1537. Pleasith it yor grace to be advertised that the Kinges highnes having received yor lettres dated at Birlington the xvijth day of this moneth, wherby his grace perceveth yor order takyn for the same Burlington and the howse of Gerves, his highnes giving unto you alwaies his most harty thankes, hath commaunded me to advertise you of his graciouse pleasor bothe touching the effecte of the same yor lettres, and also to the matters expressed in yor lettres to me with certain remembrances delivered unto me by Leonard Bekwith. And as touching yor said order, surely the kinges highnes liketh it veray well. And albeit that he doubteth not but the persons whom ye have appointed woll do every theing to the best, yet nevertheless forasmoch as by Acte of Parliament all landes atteynted must passe by th'andes of the kinges generall surveyors, and certaun thinges by the order of the lawe, bothe in fynding of offices & other thinges, is to be observed, ye shall understande that the kinges highnes at this tyme dothe send down certain of his counsel to take order in that matter, as well touching the fynding off offensis as also to make certayn & perfect bokes of all thinges belongyng to the same, not for that they shall attempt to adnull or infringe any thing that shalbe done by you ne by the persons appointed by your lordship, but that they all togeder may so conferre that euerything may be perfetely and duely done to the Kinges honour & resonable proffect, his grace thinking that after the same shalbe directly & perfectly accomplished, considering the tyme of the yere nowe, and that fermors commonly entre not but aboutes

¹ Matthew Boynton of Barmston, Esq., married Anne, daughter of Sir John Bulmer, Knt. From him descended the Baronets of Barmston and Burton Agnes.

² This letter appears to be a draft of one sent to the Duke of Norfolk. It contains other matter not appertaining.

michaelmas, it shuld not be for his graces proffict to make any graunt of any part of the said landes unto the said tyme, and also that the same may be well surveyd, when his at which tyme his [*sic*] highnes woll not onlye haue suche a respect bothe unto the poremen Inhabeting abowt bridlyngton & Jervaux, but also forse for som substanciall person mete and necessary to staye the cuntrey & kepe good hospitalite to dwell in the pryncypall parte of the monastery, wherein his highnes is mynded to folowe moch your lordships advice and counsul, and doth require you to aduertise hym fullye of your oppynyon touching the same. And as to the haven, wherof yo^r lordship writes, the Kinges highnes upon suche consideracons as be mencioned in yo^r said lettres is contented that if xx^{li} woll annend it that ye shall cause the same to be done this som^r in all hast possible. As for the shryne the Kinges highnes to the intent that his people shuld not be seduced in the offring of their money, his grace wold have takyn down whiche and all other plate and jewelles apperteynyng to his highnes, except suche as you desire to haue for yo^r money which his highnes is content with his pleasor is shall be sent up hider as yo^r lordshipe thinketh most convenient with all speede . . . And also the corn and catall, speciallye suche as be mete to be sold, and the landes likewise at this tyme of the yere being bothe sown, his highnes doubteth not but ye wyll order the same as shalbe most for his hignes profitt. And the pleasor of his highnes is that the due dates of the said howses shalbe contented of the goodes of the same. And as to the lead and all other theinges wherin ye be willing to knowe the kinges pleasor yo^r lordship shall understand that upon it vieu and survey therof nowe at theis tyme by your grace and his commissioners to be eftsones sent unto his highnes in all thinges he woll uppon the sight of the same determyn his further pleasure.

(Vol. 120, p. 165.)

William Blithman to Cromwell.

23 May 1537. Mye moste Singulere good lorde mye dewtie lowly premised. Pleas yt your good lordeshippe too be aduertised I have receyved bye this berer M^r Warmyngton advertisment bye worde of mowthe from Doctor Layton too come uppe with speede convenyent too rehers suche wordes as I at my last beyng at London anempst the treesorer of Yorke, and I (intendinge too have soo doon), supposinge yt too be yo^r lordeshippes pleasure as he affermyd too the messenger, was of ane howres warnynge comaunded bye mye lord of Northfolke to waite uppon hyme to the dissolvinge of the monasteries of Brydlington and Jerves. Brydlington is dissolved, and too morow his grace goothe towards Jerves. Als soone as the busynes thereof ys perfytylge fyneshed I will waite uppon yo^r lordeshippe mye selfe, and in the measne tyme yt maye lyke yo^r lordeshippe to call to yo^r remembrance howe that I affermyd the treasurer of Yorke too be the fyrste mane that enterd mye howse ther and tooke forthe therof

the beste bedde I hadde and a coote of plaite and what moore God knowethe, manye bookes and writings I wante, and parte were in his howse and delyverd agayne sens mye comynge hooome; mye bed ys delyverte agayn bye hyme and the coote of playte reternyd, yet albe yt he confessyd the takinge therof and promysed restitution. I said forther to yor lordeshippe that he receyved the commons with procession at the church doore with all the minesters ther in there habytes, and so in deed yt was opynelye brutyd, whiche theye nowe qualefy and saye that theye beyng at a direge in the queor in ther habytes came to doore and met theym, bot not with procession, bot well I woote bye the common fame the belles were solemplye rongen at that same tyme. And forther I said that he pullyd down the kinges armes standing above hys hall doore, whiche ys evidente and notoreiowse, I se theym mye selfe within this fower dayes in settinge uppe agayn whiche was in the fyrste commotion, and sence the Kinges graciouse pardon I here nothinge of hime. And fore that I told yor lordeshippe anempste M^r Bowes yt is undowbtydelye trewe and muche moore, wold to God ye hard the bruyte of the cuntreye therin, bot sens the pardon I heeve nothinge againste hyme bot that he haith stayed to hys power. Shortelye I intend, God willinge, to wayte uppon yor lordeshippe with the Kinges moneye fore fyrste fruetes, as I wold have doon ore nowe bot fore this busines of Bridlington and Jerves, as the Holye Gooste knowethe, whoo preserve yor lordeshippe in helthe and honor. At Yorke the xxiiij daye of May.

Yor humble boundon beedman

Will^m Blitheman.

(Vol. 120, p. 175.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Cromwell.

1537, 31 May. My veray good Lorde with most herty recomendacions The house of Jerueaulx is suppressed, and I haue left there to put all thinges in order to the kinges most profight Sir George Lawson, Robert Bowys, Blytheman the Auditour, And Anthony Rous, And when they shall haue don there charges then the saide Robert and twoo other honest gentlemen shall remayne there unto the cummyng of Maister Pollard.

Yours assewredly

T., Norfolk.

[Addressed :—] To my verray good lord My lord pryvey seale.

A remembrance of certayne artycles to be shewed unto the Kynges highnes :—

Imprimis, Bryrdlyngton standythe in a faire corner of the shire adioynynge to the see, where no resorte is of strangers except suche as dwellyth abowte the same that comyth to the market there.

Item The priorye cherche is the parysshe cherche.

Item there is a thowsand and an half people within the said parysshe.

Item there is a great part of the inhabitants of Byrlyngton that haue their lyvyng within the same hows.

Item they kepe tenne plowghes.

Item that the inhabitantes of the same towne may haue all the demayne landes in ferme every man seuerally to hym soo that he shall not alyen ne put awaye the same by his grant, wherby it shall not come to one mans handes, and therby many men shalbe relyved.

Item the pere or haven there is in great decay and lyke to be loste if in case twenty poundes be not spent abowte the mending of yt bytwyx this and Michelmas, whiche is the great succour of that quarter.

Item if the corne be sold nowe it wilbe the most profyte to the Kynges grace.

Item all the catall to be sold to theym that shall haue the growndes.

Item if in case that the inhabitantes haue the arable land, then they must haue the gresse grounde with the same, or elles they can not tyll their lande.

Item concernyng the shryne there called saynt John Shryne it is of small value, And the people wilbe desyrous to haue it, And then suche Oblations as shalbe made there shall come to the Kynges profyte.

Item in case that the inhabitantes haue it in this maner it is thought by my lordes grace that all the people wilbe glad & contented.

Item how the dettes shalbe payd, which as is supposid will amounte to CC li.

Item to shewe that the saide pere or haven of Byrdlyngton is moche more dangerous than is Flamburghes, for my lordes grace hath viewde and sene bothe.

Item in lyke maner to knowe for Gerves.

Item the lande can not be surveyed suerly this fourtene dayes, therfor my lordes grace mynde is that some be sent downe for the same.

Item the cherche is all covered with lead, and the better half of it perteynyth to the parochians, and it wyll please the parysshe better to haue the part that the priour and convent had.

Item if the demaynes be lessed to one man, then the berne couered with lead whiche is of a good valewe can not well be sold.

Item to remembre my lordes grace for the rynges.

Item the Church stuf for my lordes grace.

Item aft' this man' all men wilbe desirous to see dissolucion.

Item a crosse of silu', a paire of censors for my lord.

Item for the plate to be sold here & valued by some goldsmyth.

Item a commission with an antedate for ye suppression

Item to shew my lord p'vey seall y^t Gregory Conyers commyth with the goods of the quondam.

Item to gyf the kynges grace this ston, which is callyd the best ston.

The Duke of Norfolk to Cromwell.

2 June 1537. My veray good Lorde . . . forasmoch as I do nowe wryght to the Kinges maiestie I shall not molest you with nothing conteyned in my lettre sent to his highnes. And where I do understand his maiestie hath now sent l'res to thiese parties concernyng vacabonds, your good lordship shall perceyve by copies of lettres wich I have a good tyme past sent to all the iustice of pease and religiouse houses in thies parties, that I haue not neglected that matier surely I neuer sawe so many as be in thiese cuntrees. And the almes that they haue in religious houses is the great occasion therof, and also the slackenes of the Justice of pease, for not doying ther dewties. I haue and shall so order thiese cuntrees under my rewle that I thinke ye shall shortely here of no small number of them that shall drawe Southewards. My lord, the sooner that M^r Pollard do come into thies parties the better, for therby the Kinges charges shalbe the soner releved; the house of Jerueaulx was moche in debte, but the movables woll fully discharge that, and in likewise at bridlington, with a better peny. And surely if ye sende downe plommers hither, both to take downe the ledde of the houses and to cast the same in sowes, with one trewe over seer of them, it woll acquite the cost. And thus our lord haue you in his blessed tuytion. From Shrifhton the ij^{de} daye of June.

[Addressed :—] To my veray good lorde my Lord Pryvey Seale.

[Endorsed :—] My l. of Norff. to my lord P. S.

Item Thempors l'res to the Duke of Norfolk.

Item the copenes of my lord of Norff. l'res for the punishment of vagabunds.

(Vol. 121, p. 25.)

Henry VIII. being offended at the late insurrections, and at the part that some of the monks had taken in them, determined that in addition to the small priories under the value of £200 per annum which had been ordered to be suppressed by the recent Act of Parliament, the whole of the abbeyes should be dissolved. Dr. Layton, who had made the previous year a short expedition through Yorkshire, now considered that he should like to be engaged in this further work, and therefore proposed to Cromwell that he and Dr. Legh should be allowed to have a second and complete visitation.

Dr. Layton to Cromwell.

Friday the iiijth day of June (? 1537). Pleasit yowe to understonde, that whereas ye intende shortly to visite, and be lyke shall have many sutters unto yowe for the same to be yor commissares, if hit myght stonde with your pleasure that doctor Lee and I myght have committyde unto us the North contre, and to begyn in Lincolne dioces, northwardes here from London, Chester dioces,

Yorke, and so furthe to the borders of Scotlande, to ryde downe one syde and to cum up the other, ye shalbe well and faste assuryde that ye shall nother fynde monke, chanone, frear, prior, abbott, or any other of what degre so euer he be, that shall do the kynges hyghnes so goode servys in this matter for thos parties, nether be so trusty, trewe, and faithfull to joine in the same, doying all thynges so diligently for your purpos and your discharge. And forasmuche as the Kynges hyghnes hath put his onely truste in yowe for the reformation of his clergie, gyvyng yowe therunto onely auctoritie and power, ye must have suche as ye may trust evyn as well as your owne self, wiche must be unto yowe as *alter ego*. Doctor Lee and I have onely bene preferryde to the Kynges servys by yowe, *et te solum ab eo tempore in huncusque diem habuimus Mæcenatem et unicum patronum, nec alium unquam habituri*. Oure desier is, therfor, now to declare unto yowe owre trewe harttey and faithfull mynde, owre faste and unfaynede servys that we bere towards yowe, and owe unto yowe, as ye haue of ryght bownde us. Ther ys nother monasterie, selle, priorie, nor any other religiouse howse in the north; but other doctor Lee or I have familier acqwayntance within x or xij mylles of hit, so that no knaverie can be hyde from us in that contre, nor ther we cannot be over fayssede nor suffer any maner injurie. We knowe and haue experiens bothe of the fassion off the contre and the rudenes of the pepull, owre frendes and kynsfookes be despersyde in thos parties in evere place redy to assyste us if any stoborne or sturdy carle myght perchaunce be fownde a rebellous. If ye hade leisure to overlooke the booke of articles that I made for your visitacion this tyme xij monethes, and to marke evere sondrie interrogatorie therin wryttyn, dowltes ther is matter sufficient to detecte and opyn all coloryde sanctitie, all supersticiouse rewles of pretensyde religion, and other abusys detestable of all sorttes, hether (to) clokyde and coloryde by the reformitors (so namede) of evere religion wiche ever, by frendeshipe, tyll this day hath founde crafftly meanys to be ther owne visiters, therby no reformation intendyng nother goode religion (if any be) to incesse, but onely to kepe secrete all matters of mischeffe, with muche priuey murmuryng emong them selffes, sellyng ther jewelles and plate to take half the valew for redy money, with gret rewyne and deokay of ther howsis wiche muste nedes yet continewe and indure dayly more and more with incesse, unleste ye nowe sett to yowr helpyng hande, and with expedicion speddy and efftsones tendre the premisses. Moste humble desiering yowe to take no displeasure with this my rude and playne letter, thus boldely utteryng unto yowe my intire mynde and consayte, referryng all to your wisdom and goodnes, by the hasty hande of your moste assuryde poir preste,

Rycharde Layton.

(MS. Cotton, Cleopatra, E, iv., fol. 10.)

William Gascoigne to Cromwell.

5 June 1537. Ryght Honorable and my moste especyall good lorde &c. that it may please youe to be so good lorde unto me to helpe me to the preferment of eyther Bridlington Abbay or Jervax abbay with the demayns of eyther of thaym as shall stande with your lordships pleasur which are nowe suppressed and at the kyng our sou'aigne lord hys pleasur as I am Informed. And I shall not only gyffe as myche as eny other wyll for the preferment theirof but also do unto your lordship suche pleasur and seruyce as at eny tyme heir after shalbe in me to do to your lordship, my lorde as yeknawe aszt I haue but small lyffing in my handes duryng the terme of my Father lyffe. Wheirfore eftsones I shall desire youe to be good lorde unto me in the said p'ferment of one of the said abbays, for withoute your lordship helpe I haue but small Frendes for optenyng their of as knawyth our lord god who preserue your lordship long with honour. From Cusworth thys Fyfte day off June. Yours ever at Com'andement,

Will'm Gascoygne, yonger.

[Addressed:—] To the right honerable and my most especial good lorde my lorde prevey Seale be this lettur delyuerd.

[Endorsed:—] Will' Gaskyn the yong^r for to haue the preferment of Byrlington or Jervaux.

(Vol. 121, p. 56.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Cromwell.

5 June 1537. My veray good lorde with moste herty recommendations. Thies shall be tadwertise youe that by Tristram Tashe¹ this berer I do nowe sende to the kinges highnes in twoo boxes all suche gold stuff as was uppon the Shryne at Brydlyngton, and with the same one I're to his maiestie to knowe his pleasure what shalbe done with the rest of syluer as by the saide lettre your good lordshippe shall perceyve. My lord I require you to be good lord unto the saide Tashe, assuryng youe I pitie hym most of any man that hath been spoyled, for fewe others ar at this houre withowt restitucion or agrement made with them. And unto him I can not see the meanys howe it shalbe possible to bryng hym to so moche of his gooddes, but that he shall largely susteyne, bycause that he can not prove who were his spoylers, and in this cace he onely doth remayne eftsones requiring youe to be his good lorde . . . Also I require youe to be good Lorde to Thabbot of Saincte Mary abbay who hath of late receyued a lettre from youe in the favour of Fulbery for a Ferme,

¹ 1 May, 29 Hen. VIII., 1537. Tristram Tesshe to be general receiver of the possessions of Co. York in the King's hands by the attainder of Adam abbot of Jervaulx, William prior of Bridlington, Sir Thomas Lord Darcy, Sir John Bulmer, Sir Robert Constable, Sir Stephen Hamerton, Sir Francis Bigod and John Wyvel, with fees of £40 a year and 20s. in every £100 of the issues of his office (Patent Roll).

assuryng your good lordeshippe that the said Ferme is so necessary for the saide abbay that withowte the same it is not possible to contynewe their hospitalitie as they doo for and they shold goo withowte it, they shold be inforced to bye ther provisions in the Market. And pitie it were that for one Mans profight So many persons shold want ther lyvinge. I am sory I haue so moche recommended hym to you in my lettres consideryng his ill procedinges in this matier . . . From Shrifhton the vth day of June.

Yours assewredly,
T. Norfolk.

[Addressed:—] To my veray good Lorde my lorde pryvey Seale.

[Endorsed:—] My l. Norff., vth Junij, 1537.

(Vol. 121, 54.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Henry VIII.

5 June 1537. May it plect your maiestie to be aduertised that by . . . Tashe this berer who doth bryng uppe to your highnes your mony dewe in thiese parties of the tenth. I do send to your maiestie all such thinges of golde as were on the Shryne at Brydlington wiche I caused Maister Magnus to take of the saide Shryne at my beyng there to suppress the house, the saide gold werke is in twoo boxes sealed with my seale and the saide M^r Magnus. And I dare well saye ther dothe not lacke the vaylewe of one . . . ryng. In the lesse box is three proper . . . wrought Tablettes. And if I durst . . . be a theff I wold haue stolen them to haue sent them to the quenys grace, but nowe your highnes havyng them may geve them unto her with the owte offence if it be your pleasure.

In the great box is one proper thing of radix iesse to be set uppon an aulter, and in the same box is all the rest of the gold werke. All the rest of syluer geare that was on the saide shryne doth remain here with the plate of Sir Robert Constables . . . f that was belongyng to brydlington, and I . . . and some litle thing . . . wiche is . . . or to . . . parties or to be sold . . . moste advantage here as it shalbe your . . . to comawnde of trouthe ther is verie litle therof . . . convenient to be kepte to *serue* an honest man with all but veray old Stuff and to be broken rather than kepte. The hole vaylewe therof by estimacon wold extend abowtes iij^{ml} iiij^c lxx oz. I can not wryght the trowthe by cause all is not yet come yn. Other newes I haue none, &c., &c. From Shrifhton the . . .

Your most humble seruant and subiect,

T. Norfolk.

(Vol. 121, p. 52.)

Sir Arthur Darcy to Cromwell.

8 June 1537. It schall lyke your honourabyll lordschypp to be advertysyd, that I was with my lorde Lewtenant att the suppressyon off Gervayes, whyche howes within the gatt ys coveryd wholly with

leadd, and ther is oon off the ffayrest chyrches that I have sseen, ffayr medooze, and the ryver runnyng by ytt, and a gret demayne. The kynges hyenes is att greatt charge with hys sstoodes off mares, att Thornbery and other placys, whyche arr ffyne growndes, and I thynke thatt att Gervayes and in the grangyes incydent, with the hellp off ther grett large commones, the kynges hyenes by good oversseers scholld have ther the most best pasture thatt scholld be in Yngland, hard and sownd off kynd; ffor ssurly the breed off Gervayes ffor horses was the tryed breed in the northe, the stallones and marees well assortyd, I thynke in no reallme scholld be ffownd the lykes to them, ffor ther is large and hye growndes ffor the ssomer, and in wynter wooddes and low growndes to serve them. My lord, by my lord lewtenant I haue restytucion off a gret part of my goodes att Coverham. From Gervayes I went to Sallay, wher I inquiryd owtt a chalyce thatt was brybbed ffrome the kyng affor the ssuppressyon off the howes, and allso I haue ffownd a booke off dettes belongyng to the howes, and ther is a barkhawes stoord with leddy. I requyre yowr lordschyp to send to me your pleassure whatt I schall doo therin.

My good lord, I requyre yow to gett me lycenes ffor xiiij dayes to cum upp to dysspache me off dettes thatt I ow. Off my ffaythe I never brake so muche credence as I have lattly doon. I haue dessyrd M^r Jolymentt to remember yowr lordschyp ffor my cawssys. Off trewthe, my lord, I doo wast the kynges money here att Pomffrett; ffor off a trewthe the contreyes in the northe was never in a moore dredeffull and trew obbeysance.

My lord, I bessyche you be good lord to me; ytt is schewd to me that the Kynges hyenes wolld ageyn survey my landes, and that fferther M^r chansler dyd send to me thatt ytt was thocht thatt I had dysseyvyd the kyng. My lord, ye know thatt I myght have hadd seynt Lenardes, whiche is better by iij^e markes then my landes in the ffyrst survey. I dyd reffuze thatt, and on my ffaythe I never knew whatt Salley was, tyll ytt was grauntyd. M. Fermer and M. Montagew wolld have gyffyn syx c. markes yerly ffor Greness-norton; and in consideracyon theroff, and with my wyffe in maryage, the kynges hyenes gave me my landes unssurveyd. Yff ytt be the kynges pleasure to haue my rentalles, uppon my lyff I schall not lye, butt bryng them my sellfe, and hys grace schall haue all thynges att hys consyence and pleasure, as knowythe God, who ever presserve you with myche honour. The viij day off Juyn.

Yowrs humbly till comandment,

Arthur Darcy.

(Cott. MS., Cleopatra, E, iv., 287.)

Richard Pollard to Cromwell.

12 June 1537. Pleas it your good lordship to be advertished that at this present tyme I am at byrdlington as well for surveying of the same as for other suche ordors as is to be taken there. And

at my being at Yorke I was at Maister Lawsons house where I had good chere, whom did accompanye me to Shirefhoton. And because I perceyued that he did attend upon my lord of Norffolkes grace at the suppressin of byrdlington and Jervaulx, and about the orders of suche thinges as is ther taken by my said lordes grace, he did right diligent and acceptable service unto the kinges highnes as by the reaport and other apparaunce of his seruice I haue good knowlege. I desired the said Maister lawson to kepe me company to byrdlington at this my cumyng theder. Where I assure your lordship he dothe his deutie and sheweth hym self as a true subgiett shuld and ought to do to his sou'aigne lord in all the seruice he can do to the profit and aduauntage of the kinges highnes.

And forasmuche as now ther is no receyuor apointed to haue the receiptes for the Kinges maiestie of thies forfaitt landes commytted to my surveye at this tyme. If it may stand with the kinges pleasure and your good lordships I think the said Maister Lawson verey able and meytt for that rowme not onely for his good and diligent s'uice butt also can and may discharge the same rowme substancially. To whom I becech your good lordship to be good lorde in thoptenyng therof so that it may please you he may be accepted unto the same rowme. And the rather at this my poer request, &c. From Bydlington this xijth daye of Juyn.

Your assuryd att commandement,

Rychard Pollard.

(Vol. 121, p. 112.)

Richard Pollard to Cromwell.

14 June 1537. Pleasith yt your good lordship to be advertised that my lorde of Norffolke had byn at Bridlyngton afore my comyng into these parties, and there he had all the Juells of the Church, the vestymentes, the plate, oxen, & a great parte of the shepe, so that at my comyng thether there was but little stuff remaining. But notwithstanding I haue gotton muche more syluer & summe gold in the Church whiche I haue sent to my lorde of Norff. grace to the entent that may be sent to london with the resydue that my lorde of Norff. hath. And suche shepe, cattall, Corne, & household stuffe as dyd remayne at Bridlyngton at my comyng thether I haue solde by the advyse of Syr Marmaduke constable thelder & Richard Bellyces, the whiche stuff I assure you was the worst that euer I sawe in eny house of reputation as yt shall appere by my bookes, and a great part therof was stolyn by the poore people afore my comyng thether. And as for the church & the landes of the church & houses I haue done nothing therewith as yet untill I know what the kynges graces pleasure shalbe done therein for that yt standyth within half a myle of the see. But I assure you the house and Church is farr in deokay, the most profyt therof ys to be made of the leades for there was offered to me for the ledes of a Barne fyve hundred m'kes ou' & besydes the residue of the houses & church

there the which wyl amounte to a great sume of money. And there remayneth muche Glasse as yet for I haue solde noo parte therof nor the bells for I can haue no merchaunt for the same. And as concerning the demaynes I haue offered the same unto the inhabytauntes of the towne betwene this & Michelmas and right so the corne in the feylde but they offer nothyng lyke for the same. Wherfor as yet I haue sett no parte therof. And herewith I haue sent to your good lordship a boke whereby ye may perceyve the discripcyon of the churche & late Monastery. I assure your lordship I never saw so nedy people in my lyve as arr in these parties, for they haue made theare afore my comyng great spoyle & rob'y. And to the entent your lordship shall perceyve my doying in survey I have therfor also sent you herewith a survey that I haue made of the man' of Bulmer, sumtyme the inheritannce of Syr John Bulmer, to thentente that yf yt be not well & accordyng to your mynde, that then yt wyl please your lordship to send me your pleasure. And to my power I shall doo accordyngly. I assure you your servant M^r lentall takyth great paynes and doth the kynges magestie right good true & dyligent servyse, as yt shall appere at our retorne signyfying your lordship that the country as far as I have labored be in good obbedyence to our sou'eign lorde the kynge, and be right gladde that they ben the kynges graces tennantes . . . And as farr as I haue surveyed yet there shalbe due to the kynges Magestie at Mychelmas one hole yeres rent, & so ys lyke to be in all Yorkeshere, but they haue not used to pay untill Seynt Martyns day then next followyng. From brydlyngton the xiiij day of June.

Your assuryd att commandement,

Rychard Pollard.

(Vol. 121, p. 122.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Cromwell.

19 June 1537. My veray good lord, my herty comendacons unto your good lordshippe. fforasmoch as it is necessarie that James Rokebye and Willm Blithman shold be present with Maister Pollerd at the survey of Jervaulx (who I verly thinke wolbe there abowte a three wekes hens) to thentent they may instructe hym in dyverse thinges towching the kinges highnes profight in the same. This shalbe therfore to require youe to see them expedited with diligence, and to be retourned hither agayne, so as they faile not to be there at the survey of the said mon(astery). And if not I verely thinke the kinges highnes shall susteyne great losses by the sane ther absence. And thus most hertely fare ye well. ffrom Sherifhoton the xixth daye of June.

And my lord I requyre you to be gode lord unto them for I fynd them both diligent, well willyng and very honest men in all their services.

Yrs assewredly,

T. Norfolk.

To my veray good Lorde my Lorde privey Seale.

(Vol. 121, 146.)

The Duke of Norfolk to Cromwell.

28 June 1537. My veray good Lord. After my right herty commendations unto your good Lordeshippe. The same shall receive by thies berers James Bowser, Thomas Cary and my servaunt John Scoler all such plate as was of the houses of Bridlington and Jerveaulx, and of all such others that were attainted as came to my hands with a boke conteynyng all the parcells of the saide plate sealed with my seale and M^r Magnus, who contynewally had all the saide plate in his keypyng sithen thattayndre, and I never medled with any parte of the same.

Also your good lordshippe shall receive by the saide berers in a bagge sealed with my Seal, the Convent Seales of Saint Agathes, and of Jerueaulx. And aswell the Convent Seale of Bridlington, as the seale of office of the same wich I haue caused to be batred.

Your lordshippe shall also understonde that I haue paid thexpenses for the cariage of the saide plate alredy . . . From Shrifhoton the xxviii day of June.

Yours assewredly,

T. Norfolk.

(Vol. 121, p. 183.)

Richard Pollard to Cromwell.

9 July 1537. I haue surveyd the demians of the late monastery of Whalle & granges of the same, but as yet not all the laudes, for hyt lyth fer assunder yn dyvers shires, and I have lettyn the demians & granges unto the power Inhabytantes therabowtes untill Michelmas, which ys to ther great comfort & releyff, and moche to the kynges avantage yerely heraft', so that hys grace wyll make no grant untill suche tyme as hys grace may be ac'tenyd of my surree the cause of my wrytyng herof to your lordship ys for that I haue hard dyvers men sea that they trust to haue it of the kynges grant accordyng to the oold rents. And as concerning the leades of Whalle & byrlyngton I do not mell therwith ne with the leads of other monastaries lately attentyd untill suche tyme as I may be ac'tynyd of the kynges pleasure what I shall do therwith, for yf hyt may be handelyd by suche as hathe knolyge ther yn hyt wyll yeld a great some of mony, for I had offeryd to me for the concring of on berne at byrlyngton fyue hundred merkes wherfor I most humble desyre your lordship to ac'tyn me of the kynges pleasure theryn & ryght, so what shalbe don with the wallys of the howses and for all other thynges I trust your lordship shall perceve at my retorne to youe that I haue and shall do my dutye theryn and to the kynges honor and profyt. Maie hyt also plect your lordship to be aduertysed that as concerning the tythes which wher appropriat to the said late Monastares I haue grantyd them to dyvers men of worship & honeste untill crystysmas, and then they to yeld accompt to me or to suche other as the kynges maieste wyll appoynt for the same of & for all the profittes of oon hoyll yere as a procter to the kynges use

& profytt so that therby the yerely profyt may be knyown for hyt ys unc'tyn as yet tho which I suppose to be the best was to knowe the hoyll profyt therof, and as your lordship shall command me to do ferder theryn or yn any other thyng I shall not feyall god wylling but to do the same. Wrytyn at Whalle the ix day of July.

Your assuryd at commandement,

Rychard Pollard.

(Vol. 122, p. 220.)

[Addressed:—] To the Ryght honorable & hys synguler good lord my lord priuye Seale thys be dd.

Richard Pollard to Cromwell.

3 Aug. 1537. May hyt plecth your good lordship to be adu'tysed that of late I resevyd your letter wherby I percevyd that the kynges maiestes pleasure and commandement whas that I shuld cause all the leads yn my survee to be meltyd & made in sowys & set the kynges merke apon them & so to kepe them to the kynges use. And so accordyngly I began at the late monestarye of Jervaux, but I whas sowan wery thorof as well for as I percevyd the Fynor kowde but lytyll skyll thorof for the kynges profyt as also for that I shuld haue had a long tyme yn the doying therof, for I taryed ther yn meltyn of the leades of the Cladost' v days which ys but lytyll to the value of the hoyll leades, for I am sure the leades ther ben oorte m^l li & I thynk lytyll worse at byrlyngton, but at Whalle ther ys but small leades bysydes the churche, and for that I haue not don all the leades I most humble besече your good lordship to make myne excuse to the kynges maieste for I suppose hyt had not ben best for hys profit without a good fynor . . . thys is also to ac'tyn your lordship that I haue left all the leades as well melt as also unmelt yn saue kepyn as your lordship shall perseve ferder at my returne which I trust shall be shortely for this day I make an yend yn Yorkeshire & take my iorney towards berlynges yn lyncolshire. Wrytyn at Dancaster the thyrd day of August.

Your assuryd at commandement,

Rychard Pollard.

(Vol. 123, p. 198.)

Sir Ralph Eure,¹ Jun., to Cromwell.

14 Aug. 1537. My dewite remembered unto your gud lordchep umble bisuchyng your gud Lordchepe to haue in rememberans my long and continewall Suet for the preferment of my byll unto the kynges heyghnes, for in gud faythe my gud lorde it is so that necessayte movithe me to cawle so haystely apone you at this tyme

¹ He defended Scarborough Castle for the King at the time of the Pilgrimage of Grace; was killed at the battle of Ancrum Moor with the Scots 6 March 1544-5.

for the expidition of the sayme & most instantly I requier your lordchepe to be so gud lord unto me as to exteynd your gudnes and petye in this behalyf, and also that it wolde pleayse you that I myght be your deputy of your Stewerschip of Whytby or gusburne¹ or of any other offyce under your lordchip wher it schulde pleayse you to apoynt me for I ame disyerus for this cawse that your lordchepe shall knawe my delygence & trewithe in any thyng that you shall put me in trust of and in the premisses herin I hertily requier your gud lordchepe to haue me in remembrance, &c, &c. From my powre howse at Forrbryg this xiiijth day of August by your eu² at commandment,

Rauff Eure.

(Vol. 124, p. 42.)

Richard Bellycys to Cromwell.

14 Nov. 1537. Pleasithe yor good lordship to be aduertysed I haue taken down all the leade of Jarvaye and maid it in pecys of half foders, whyche leade amoyntythe to the nombre of eghten skore and fyve foders wyth thryttye and foure foders and a half that were there byfore, and the said leade may not be conved nor caryed unto the next sombre for the ways in that cowntre are so foule and steipe that no caryage can passe in wyntre. And as concerninge the rasing and takyn down the howse if it be yor lordships pleasour I ame myndet to lat it staunde to the sprynge of the yere by reason the days ar now so short it wolde be doble charges to doo it now. And as concerninge the sell yng of the belles, I can not sell them abov xv^s the houndrethe, wherin I wolde gladly knowe yor lordshipe pleasor whether I shuld sell them after that pryce or sond them up to London, and if they be sent up surely the caryage wolbe costly from that place to the water. And as for Byrdlington I have doyn nothing there as yet but sparythe it to Marche next, bycause the days now are so short, and frome suche tyme as I begyn, I trust shortly to dyspache it after suche fashon that when all is fynished, I trust yor lordship shall think that I have been no evyll howsband in all suche thinges as yor lordship haithe appoynted me to doo. And thus the holye gost euer preserue your lordship in honor. At Yorke this xiiijth daye of Nouembre by yo^r most bounden beademan,

Richard Bellycys.

(Cleopatra, E, iv., 288.)

A remembrance to my Lord privye Seals good Lordshipp for

Richard Bellycis.

No date. That it myght please hys good Lordshyp to be a mean unto the Kynges Hyghtnes for the sayd Rychard Bellycis to have in ferme the pryory of Brydlygton in the Countey of York paying therefor syche yearly rentt as shall stand withe the kynges most gracyus pleasure.

(Vol. 120, 176.)

¹ Guisborough.

In the beginning of 1538 there were more applications to receive benefits out of the spoils of the monasteries. Archbishop Cranmer wants some preferment for John Wakefield out of Pontefract, the Earl of Westmorland again writes about Keldhom and has a longing for Rosedale, Sir John Nevile tries to get something out of Nostell or Monk Bretton, Robert Ferrar desires Nostell, Sir Richard Gresham offers for Fountains, whilst the Abbot of York and Sir George Lawson wish for the cell of St. Martin's, Richmond. They all write fulsome letters to Cromwell.

Cranmer to Cromwell.

1537-8, 28 Feb. My veray singuler good Lorde in my most hartie wise I commende me unto your Lordeshipe. And whereas diverse tymes I haue ben desirous and mynded to sue unto the kinges maiestie for some prefermente for John Wakefelde, gentleman, Controller of my houshold, a man of goode iudgement and affection towards God's worde whiche I haue knowne hyme for the space of theis xij yeares, alwayes redie to promote in his countrey, not rashely nor seditiously but gently and soberly so that his owne countraye coulede nether gretly hate hym nor loue hym. Thei coulede not hate hym for his kindenes and gentilnes, being redie to do euery manner goode moche as in his power was. And yett thei coulede not hartely loue hym bycause he euer commended the knowledge of God's worde, studied it him selfe diligently ande exorted theme unto the same and spake many tymes againste the abusions of the clergie for whiche he hade all the hate that most of the clergie coulede procure againste hym. And partely for his sincere mynde whiche he bereth towards Gode's wowrde, partely for his trew and faithfull hart whiche he hath borne towards his prince and suche thinges as frome tyme to tyme his highnes haith set forthe, and specially in this last commotion in the northe partes, forsomoche as he so unsaynedly declared his treu and faithfull alleigaunce unto the kinges highnes, refusing the confederacye of the lorde Darcy and other being gatherd together into the Castell of Pomfret where lord Darcie had trayned hym theder as forther yo' lordshipe shall prouue by the saide lord Darcy's lettres herein enclosed. And yet that notwithstanding after that my saide Controller by conãton with the said Lord Darcie had provd that ther was no towerdnes of fidelitie in hym, he withdrew hym selfe out of the said Castel to his greate iopdie and losse of all his goodes which at that tyme were specially spoyled because he was so unobediente unto their myndes, for the whiche spoille of his goodes he haith ben partely recompensid by my lorde of Norfolke but not in comparison to his losse. I say therefore for this cause of his vexation & other the premisses I was many tymes mynded to sue for his preferment saving that hederto I sawe nothing mete for his comoditie, and now for asmoche as I am enformed that the priorie of Pomfrete and the demayne landes of that

howse lyeth very comodiously for hyme specyally in the towne wheare he dwelleth, theis shalbe to beseche your lordshipe to be so goode lorde unto hym as to be a meane unto the kinges maiestie that he may haue the preferment of the saide priorie with the demaynes inferme doing in that behalf as any other will do for the kinges grace advauntage, it is no man so met as for hym and I think ther will be be but small suete for it by reason that the landes ar valewed to the uttermost and not onely lieth in tellage saving certen pasture for the mayntenance of the tythe but also no common pasture ne woodes belonging to the same for the which cause also my saide Controller wolde not sewe saving that it lithe so nygh unto hym. Beseching your lordshipe that yf hereafter he espie any better thing in the contrye that he may haue your favour therin. And I doubt not in this his small preferment but that his neighbours perceyue that the kinges maiestie doth not forget thos that bere his grace thair true hartes and fideletie. If your lordshipe wold be so good as to shew theis my lettres unto the kinges maiestie declaring the consideracons therof I trust his highnes will tender my suete yf it were a greater matier, for his highnes will gladely helpe his faithfull subiectes yf his grace have information of them, and excepte his grace be informed of theym he cannot helpe the trustie subiecte he hath. Thus my lorde most hartely fare youe well. At fford the xxviith of ffebruarye.

Yo^r ever to commaunde,

T. Cantuarien.

(Vol. 129, 157.)

Elizabeth Ughtred to Cromwell.

18 March 1536-7 (?).¹ Myn especiall goode Lorde after mooste hartie recommendacon pleas it youe to be soe goode unto me as thoroughe your meanes I mought be holpen to obteigne of the kinges grace to be farmer of oone of these abbays, yf thay fortune to goe downe. The names wherof I doe sende unto yo^r Lordshipe herynne incloosed; and as for payment for the same I truste to discharge as well and surely as anny livinge personage. My Lorde insomyche as my husbande whose soule God pardone dide bere ever unto yo^r Lordship boothe his harte and service next under the kinges grace I am therfor the moor bolder to write and sue unto youe for your goode helpe and furtheraunce herynne, besides that I doe putte myn oonely truste in yo^r Lordship for the goode expedicon herof, and entende not to sue to noon other but oonely to your Lordship; further at my laste being at the Courte I desired your Lordshipe, that I mought be soe boolde as to be a sueter to youe, at whiche tyme yo^r Lordshipe gave unto me a verey goode aunsuer, praying youe soe to contynue my goode Lorde. I was in Maister Ughtreddes daies in a good howse of myn owne and ever syns have bene derven to be a seriornor by cause my living is not able to welcome my

¹ The exact date of this letter is doubtful.

frendes whiche for my husbandes sake and myn owne wolde some tyme come and see me. Wherfor if it pleas yo^r Lordeshipe nowe to helpe me soe that I mought be able to kepe some poor poorte after my degree in myn oune howse, nowe being a poor woman a lone I wer the mooste bounde unto youe that anny livinge woman mought be and moor with a litell helpe nowe thenne if ye a vised me to be bounde to thing of a thousande marke a yer. And for the same eftesoones I hartely desir your goode Lordship. Desiring youe further to geve credence to Maister Darcy concernyng suche causes as he shall move, and thus Almighty Jhesu euer preserve your goode Lordeshipe. At Yorke the xviiith daye of Marche. By your mooste bounden
Elysabeth Ughtred.

The right honorable and myn especiall goode Lorde my Lord Privea Seale.

(Vol. 117, 39-40.)

The Earl of Westmorland to Cromwell.

26 March 1538. My verye goode lorde in my moste harty manner I recommend me unto your lordship, thinkyng yowe sir hartelie for the grete goodenes that I alweis fynde in yowe, and for that ye ar so goode lorde unto my sone as I perceyve ye be whiche is to my grete comfforte to heve, whereby next unto the king my master and my lorde prynce? I and all myne ar youre. My lorde I trowble yowe alweis with my olde suyte concernyng the suppressed howses and loundes of Rossedale¹ and Keldhom that it pleased the kinges grace by youre goode meanys to graunte me, desiring yowe my lorde to be so goode unto me as that I may haue all the same under the kingis highnes brode seale. I am the more bolder to wryte unto yowe herein becaus ye were so goode lorde unto me as to promesse me that I sholde by your goode meanys haue all the same so made sure unto me wheche were to my grete comfforte as to have it, and where as I am youre lordships dettor I pray you think nothing therein though I haue not send it yowe up or nowe, but it shall not be long or it be sent yowe. And for youre goodenes in that my lorde and in all other thinges I moste hartelye thanke you. And Jeshu preserue youre lordship. At Brancepeth this xxvi day of Marche.

Your lordship to my best power,
Rauff Westmerland.
(Signature.)

(Vol. 130, p. 143.)

Sir John Nevile to Cromwell.

1538, June. My verey specyall and singular good lord, my duytye is I humbly recomend me unto your lordship. I humbly beseche your lordshypp to pardon me that I come nott to gyve my

¹ He had a grant of Rosedale 6 July 1538.

attendance off the kyng and off your lordshypp accordyng to my hert and duyte, and my good lord synce I was with your lordshypp last I have beyn in grett payn and be the reason of y^t I was cast in to a grett fever of an agewe that I am now abyll to gyve my attendance acordyng to my duyte, nevertheless I gyfe hereafter to dowe his grace and your lordshipp as ever I was as good servyce or better, humbly besechyng your lordshypp to be good and gracious lord unto me and to pardon me that I ame so bold to preventt any off thes howses off relygyon be ffor they come in to the kynges graces hands and your lordshypp, and yff itt wold please youe to be so good and gracious lord unto me as to gett me the preferment off the howse off Selbey or Sanntt Oswaldes or Monkburton with the demaynes yff they hereafter come into his handes and your lordshyppes be persuatyon or other ways, for I suppose verely they have dysservyd as well to come in and submytt them selves as others haythe doyn, and this and all other I comytt unto your Lordshypps goodnes, and thus the holle trinete haue youe in his blyssyd kepyng long to endure. ffrome Stepnay by your pore orator,

John Nevyll.

To the ryght honorabyll my good lord my lord privey sell this be delyueryd.

(Vol. 132, p. 249.)

Sir John Nevile to Dr. Lee.

3 June 1538. Ryght worshyppfull Sir in my hertelyst maner y^t I cane, I hertely recomend me unto you, humbly thankyng youe off all goodnes toward me, and Sir nowe itt is y^t you may helpe me yf itt be your pleasur for your good word to my good Lords grace my lord privey selle for itt is so y^t itt hatthe pleasyd God to call unto his mercye the prior off the monystery off Santt Oswaldes off whos sowll God pardon, & as I understand they ar determyned to kepp itt segrett iiij or iiij days for whatt intent God knowythe as I haue certified my Lordes grace in his letter, and yff there be any servys y^t I can dowe my lords grace or youe in that behalff or any other I ame redy & shall be redy duryng my lyffe by the grace of Jesu who haue youe in his blyssed kepyng. From Chett the thurd day off June.

I haue beyn with the prior off Munksburton and he is almost att a poyntt for the resyuatyon off his howse into the handes off the kynges hienes and my good gracious lordes and yours, trystyng in my good and gracious lord and youe to helpe hym and his brethren to some resonabyll pensyon that they may pray for the kynges henes and my lordshypes and yours, & Sir yff itt please youe to gowe to my lordes in my behalff to be so good lord unto me that I myght haue the said hows with the demanys and the parsonage off Royston whiche is in the parishe I dwell in, for I shall never sue to the kyngs henes nor to my good lord for no offys nor ffe nor promosyon more duryng my lyff, and Sir yff itt please my lord to be good lord unto me in this behalff, toyk whatt youe thynke I shuld

gyve unto my good lord in way of reward I hertely requyer youe to nomynytt itt to his lordshyppe in my behalffe and I shall performe and kepe itt in wytnes whereoff I have subscribyd my name. Sir, as for the abbott off Royche is comye upp, use hyme now as youe thynk best your selffe notwithstanding we haue resavyd your lesse, butt itt cane nott be sealyd to he come down, desyryng youe to take credance to the berrer hereoff.

John Nevyl.

To the right worsheppfull Mast^r Docter Lee.

(Vol. 132, p. 249.)

Robert Ferrar,¹ Prior of S. Oswald's, to Cromwell.

5 Sept. 1538. Right honorable and my most singular goode lorde to whome I knowlege me moste bounden under Godde and the kynge, I interlie commende and committe me unto yor goodnes, humblie besuching the same even as my hoole trust restes in yor lordeshipe next under Godde to haue me in yor benigne remembraunce and to be intercessor to the kinges magestie for the howse of Saint Oswalde whereunto by the goodnes of Godde it hath pleased his highnes at yo^r mediation to preserve me that it might be established a colledge for the norishment of yowth in vertue and learnynge to thincrase and aduancement of the lyvelie worde of Godde, diligentlie, sincerelie and trewlie to be preached to Goddes people and the kinges in thees parties, whiche thanks be to the Lorde are right diligent and with gladde hartes desirous to heare and learne the same; euer besuchinge your goodnes to be continued towarde me and my poor brethren in that behalfe accordinge to the trust and expectacon we have in the same, and further that it might please yor good lordshipe to advertis me in som parte of yor pleasor herin by youre lettres or otherwise by this berar my chaplen of whome ye shall receyue a poor token frome me besuchinge yor goode lordshipe thankfullie to accept the same, not exteamynge the valewe of the thinge whiche is but litle, but the hartie affection of the geuer who is hoolie yors withe his hoole harte and service unto deth as knowith the lyvinge Godde, who euer preserve yor lordeshipe in highe honor longe to continue; from Saint Oswaldes the fyveth day of Septembre by youre most humble orator,

R. Ferrar, prior of the same.

(Vol. 136, p. 93.)

¹ Robert Ferrar, said to have been born at Ewood in Midgley, parish of Halifax, during the reign of Henry VII. He became an Augustinian canon; was appointed prior of St. Oswald's (Nostell) monastery, probably only to make surrender of that house to the Crown. This took place 20 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539). In 1548 Ferrar became Bishop of St. David's; but when Queen Mary came to the throne he was imprisoned, deprived of the bishopric, and ultimately burnt 30 March 1556. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

Sir Richard Gresham¹ to Cromwell.

22 Oct. 1538. Myn homble dewty to yor goode lordeshype, maye yt please you to be aduertysed that where I have movyd the kynges magiste to purches of his grace certen laundes be longyn to the howsse of Fowntens to the vallewe of thre hundred and fyfty poundes by yere aftyr the rate of xx^{li} yeres purches the som of the mony amownting unto 7000 li wher of to be dessallyd 1000 li whiche I delyuered by the comawndment of the lorde cardenale to the Duche of Bokyngham on his goynge to Guynes and the seyd cardenale receyvyd of the sayde Duche ij obligacons where I staunde boundyn he and S^r Thomas Woodehowsse with other to the kynges usse for payment of the sayd 1000 li and the same obligacons wher de delyuered by the seyd cardenale to Master Mekelowe beyng thresaurer of the kynges chamber, onely to thintent that I should be recompenced to the some of 1000 li in customes whiche yet I am not as yor lordsheppes do knowe, and for the reste of the mony for the sayde laundes whiche ys 6000 li I wylle paye in hande 3000 li and the other 3000 li . . . to paye yerlly 500 li tyll yt be payed, besechyng yor goode lordeshipe to be soo goode lorde unto me that I may knowe the kynges gracious pleassor that yf I shold have the sayde laundes that I maye prepare the mony to be in a rydenes. And thus ower lorde preserue yor goode lordeshyppe with helthe. Att London the xxij daye of Octobr.

Yo^r owne at yo^r lordeshepes commawndment,

Ryc. Gresham.

To my lorde Prevy Seale.

(Vol. 137, p. 253.)

William, Abbot of York, to Cromwell.

3 Nov. 1538. Pleasit your honorable good lordship to advertisith that I haue receved your lordship lettres in the preferment of your servaunde S^r Georg Lawson to be the fermor of one of our cells called Sanct Martyns besides Richmond, and if it lyek your good lordship to call to your remembrance of former lettres send by your lordship to me in the favor of Sir Roger Chamley,² Knyght and recorder of the cite of London for the same cell wherin I and my brethren took such order in the said your honorable lettres that your

¹ Sir Richard Gresham, probably born about 1485, was an eminent merchant in London. He advanced money to the King and Court, having many financial transactions with Wolsey and Cromwell. He was Lord Mayor of London 1537, and knighted the same year. He obtained many grants of abbey lands. At this date he must have been proposing to purchase Fountains Abbey, which he succeeded in finally obtaining when the dissolution took place.

² Sir Richard Cholmeley, a natural son of Sir Richard Cholmeley of Thornton-on-the-Hill, co. York, was Lieutenant of the Tower, Recorder of London 1535, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas 1552. He seems to have had a grant of St. Martin's, Richmond, 1540-1.

lordship shalbe . . . in the same shortly, and thus disyering your good lordship to continue your goodnes toward this monastery, me and my bethern, and we shall daly pra to preserve your good lordship with myche honor from overton.

Yowre humble beadsman,
Wiflm, Abbott of Yorke.

(Vol. 138, p. 96.)

Sir George Lawson to Cromwell.

5 Nov. 1538. Pleas it your good lordship to accept my hertie thankes for the contynuall goodnes by you dayle shewed unto me and my poor sonne your servaunt. And where it hath pleased you to wryte to thabbott of Saynt Maries in his favor for to have in farme the cell of S. Marteyns wherin the said abbott hathe maid a slender answer and geveth fayr wordes, the remedy of this mater restith all in your lordship, most humble beseching you to be good to your said servaunt in the same, for I think the said abbott doth dissimble in this. I was so bold as to wryte to Maister Gostwyk¹ and my sone Peter to move your lordship to be so good lord unto me as that I might have the scyte of the Fryar Augustines in Yorke, whiche is butt a small ground in compas on circuite, without comoditie of orchard or garden saving a litil kitchin garden, butt it is most meyt for me and ioyneth to the walles of my poor howse. Most hartely praying your lordship to remembryr me in this mater and that I may know your pleasor therin, and as I am most bounden I shall dayle pray to our Lord for the preservation of your good lordship. At Yorke the vth day of Novembr.

Yo^r assured man euer,
George Lawson.

(Vol. 138, p. 151.)

Robert Ferrar to Cromwell.

15 Nov. 1538. My right singuler goode lorde, in my moste humble wise I do thanke your goode lordeshipe for your most favorable benigntie continually exhibited to me, so poor and unworthie a person, whiche I owght never to forgett, but rather to acknowledge by my poor service unto deth. And where as I am enformed the kinges moste graciouse pleasure is that the priourie of Saint Oswaldes² whereunto by your lordeshipe his goode mediacon I was preferred shall amongst others be dissolved. Lesse I cannot doe for the declaracon of myn honestie and truthe in this behalfe, then to certifie your lordeshipe not onelie of suche speciall debtes, and other gooddes as apteane to the said priourie, but also of the hoole extent of the landdes belonging to the same as I have done by this berar, besuchinge your goode lordeshipe nowe to be goode lorde to me your

¹ Cromwell's Secretary.

² Nostell.

servaunt and orator, and also to my poor bredren and servauntes accordinge to the trust I have ever hadde and yet have in your goode lordshipe and speciallie to that said berar who has taken great paynes for me at all seasons, to whome may it please you to geve further credence of my behalfe, of whom also ye shall receyue a poor token from me whiche I besuche your lordshipe to accept in good parte, for if my power hadde been better I wolde with goode harte haue sente a better as knowith our Savior Crist Jesus, who ever preserve youre goode lordshipe in highe honor longe to endure. From the aforesaid priourie of Saint Oswalde the xvth day of Novembre by your most humble orator with his service,

Robert Ferrar.

(Vol. 154, p. 169.)

Sir John Nevile to Cromwell.

23 Nov. 1538. Ryght honorabyll & my good lord I humbly recomend me unto your good lordship humbly besechyng your lordship to pardon me that I ame so bold . . . and wher as itt haythe pleasyd the kynges henes and your lordshypp to apontt S^r George Lawson & Master Bellows,¹ Master Bryethman² and other for the subpressions off certeyn howsys in our parties, and wher as itt shall please your lordshupp to understand that the said commysyeners was att the hows off Muncke Burton³ this day the xxij day off this presentt monethe off November and att the for said hows of Burton ther the prior and all his brether haythe surrendered upp the hows in to the kynges henes handes and yours, and yff itt wold haue pleasyd your good lordshipp to have beyn so good lord unto me as to graunt me the preferment off the parsonage off Royston wythe the town off Cudworthe and Caryllton whiche the prior haid in his handes and itt is off this paryshe I dwell in, as this howse off Munk Burton is. I ame bownd to pray for your good lordshypp duryng my lyff and my good lord yff itt myght haue staid with your lordshypps pleasur that I myght haue haid the prefermentt off the said hows off Munke Burton with the demayns and suche goodes as therto belongythe itt, yff ther be no farther grant mayd by the kynges henes & your lordshupp that the comysyoners may knowe theire lordships pleasur herein and thus Almyghtfully Jeshu preserve youe in good helthe long to end . . . Frome Chett the xxiiij day of November by your trellie and faythfull suggestt to the uttermost off his lyttyll power.

John Nevyll.

(Vol. 139, p. 132.)

After the termination of the "Pilgrimage of Grace" in the spring of 1537 (as stated p. 48), the king determined that in

¹ Bellasis.

² Blytheman.

³ Monk Bretton was dissolved 21 Nov. 1538.

addition to the smaller priories the whole of the abbeys and friaries should be dissolved. Commissioners were appointed for the work, and, as there was no Act of Parliament to compel a legal suppression, they were instructed to negotiate and try to get the monks and friars to agree to give up peaceably their buildings and possessions, receiving pensions for so doing. This course of procedure continued during the remaining part of 1537 and during 1538. The following letter shews how these negotiations had so far succeeded and what monasteries, &c., had been lately surrendered:—

The Commissioners of the North to Cromwell.

15 Dec., 30 Hen. VIII. (1538). Owre most singulere goode lorde owre bownden dewties lowlie premysede, pleas yt youre honorable lordeshippe too be advertisede, we have laytlye receyvede youre letters conteigninge the kinges majesties pleasure anempsee the ordere of leed and belles apperteanyng^e to suche howses off religeon contenanyde in the Kinges graces letters commissionall to us addressed, wherof we have allredye commytte the salve custodie to substantiall honeste persons liable too answer therefoore, and have not solde ne intended to sell anye percell thereof. We have quyetye takine the surrenders and dissolvdyd the monasteries off Wyeresoppe,¹ Monckebreton,² Sancte Androos³ at Yorke, Byland,⁴ Ryvaille,⁵ Kyrkeham,⁶ and Ellerton,⁷ the ffreers⁸ at Tykhill, Doncastere, Pontefracte and the citie off Yorke, where we perceyved no murmure or gruge in anye behalfe, bot were thanckefullye receyvede, as we shall within vj dayes more playnlie certifye your lordeshippe. And where yt haith the pleasyd youre lordeshippe too wryte fore reservinge of leed and belles at Bolton in chauns ther ys as yet noo suche commission cummyne to owre handes, as Jhesus knowethe, whoo preserve your lordeshippe in helthe and honor. At Yorke the xvth daye of Decembere.

Youre lordshippes humble boundon orators,

George Lawson.
Rycherd Bellassez.
Willm. Blithman.
James Rokeby.

(Cotton, Cleop. E, iv., fol. 242.)

¹ Worksop.

² Monk Bretton, dissolved 21 Nov. 1538.

³ St. Andrews, dissolved 28 Nov. 1538.

⁴ Byland, dissolved 30 Nov. 1538.

⁵ Rievaulx, dissolved 3 Dec. 1538.

⁶ Kirkham, dissolved 8 Dec. 1538.

⁷ Ellerton, dissolved 11 Dec. 1538.

⁸ The house of Austen Friars at Tickhill, the three houses of Friars of Doncaster, the house of Black Friars at Pontefract, and four houses of Friars at York were all dissolved in November 1538.

Sir George Lawson and William Blithman to Cromwell.

18 Dec. 1538. Pleas yt your honorable lordeshippe to be advertysed the priors of Pontefracte, Newburghe and Maltone be mynded to surrendere there howses in to the kynges handes yf there were anye commissione directe fore to receyve theym as the Holye Gooste knowethe who preserve your lordeshippe. At Yorke the xviith daye of Decembre.

Yo^r lordeshippes bounden beedmen,

George Lawson.

Willm. Blithman.

(Vol. 140, p. 129.)

Sir Nicholas Fairfax to Cromwell.

22 Jan. 1538-9. In my mooste lowelie maner I humblie besyche youre lordeshippe to be goode lorde unto me as in case Maister Bellasses do leve the prefermente of Bylande for anye other thinge that I maye, by youre lordeshippe meanes, have the preferment of the demaynes there, whiche be comodious for me, by cause they be neare adioininge to my poor house. And if the kinges maiestie haue otherwise disposed the same, that yt maye pleas youre lordeshippe to be meane for me to the kinges maiestie, that I maye haue the preferment of the demesnes of Newbroughe or elles of Whitbye when they shalbe surrenderede, and for youre lordeshippe and for youre benevolence and furtheraunce in that behalf to be had I will geue unto youre lordeshippe xl li to bye one gelding with my prayer and service as the holie Goste knoweth who preserve your lordeshippe. Scribled at Gilling the xxij daye of Januarye.

Your humble bounden bedeman,

Nicholas Farefaxe.

To the most honorable and his moste especiall good lorde my lorde Privie Seale this be.

(Vol. 142, p. 141.)

Robert (Ferrar) to Cromwell.

No date. My specielle goode lorde, please hytte yowr goodnesse to be assartaynde thatte I receyvdyde yowr honorable letters in favowr offe Wyllm Pykrynge to obtayne & haue a leasse offe the celle offe Wodkyrke, percelle offe thys monasterie callyd Sancte Oswalde, wherunto by yowr lordeshypis near favowrable means hytte hathe pleasyde Godde & the Kynges hyghnesse to præferr me ryghte unhable botte oonly offe his gratiose benignitie. Whyche yowr pleasur showyde to me by benigne requestes, albehytte ye myghte offe goode ryghte haue comandydde the same . . . Theyrfor I humbly beseyche yowr lordeshyppe to suffer benignely thys my dyffermente offe yowr pleasur concernynge Wodkyrke, unto I be comandydde to take the chanons therhens, & I promesse to yowe

thatte I shalle thaune notte fayle to præsente unto yowr lordshyppe with as conveniente speyde as I caune a leasse therooffe to dyspose atte yowr pleasur, by the grace of Chryste iesu, who keype yowe in heylthe & honor for euer. Atte Sancte Oswald, wrytten by the handys offe yowr owne atte commande.

Roberte. theer.

To the Ryghte honorable my syngular goode lorde offe the pryvay sealle.

(Vol. 141, p. 184.)

Dr. Richard Ingworth¹ had been previously commissioned to visit all the houses of friars in England.

6 Feb., 29 Henry VIII. (1537-8). Henry VIII. to Ric., Suffragan of Dover. Commission to visit all houses of Friars, Preachers, Minors, Carmelites, Augustines, and Crutched Friars in England, with power to examine into and correct abuses, the said Bishop of Dover having been deputed to the above by Thos. Cromwell, K.G.

5 May, 30 Henry VIII. (1538). Henry VIII. to Ric., Suffragan of Dover. Commission (issued because whereas the King gave him a commission to visit all houses of friars, and he has already commenced his visitation, it is reported that many of the heads of these houses pending the visitation have wasted and alienated the goods of their houses) to put the goods of the houses he has visited into safe custody, and to take inventories of the same.

Richard, Bishop of Dover, to Cromwell.

10 March 1538-9. My syngular good lorde, plesyth ytt your good lordeshype to understonde that I haue receyvyd, sythe I departyd from you, xvj coventes of frers into my handes to the kynges use, and there be yett styll standynge aboute x houses in these partes, besyde iij or iiij houses in Barwyke, the wyche I knowe nott whether Master Lawson haue receyvyd them or no, & yff I shulde ryde thether, ytt were aboue an hunderyd myle owte of my waye, so that I shulde nott be able to come home before Ester, wherfor I presupposynge they be downe. I entende nott to ryde there, butt yff they styll stande, then I beseche your lordeshype that ye wolde dyrecte your letter to master Laweson, that he may receyve them in to the Kynges handes as that he hathe done other, he hathe occasyon moche to be ther.

Further, my good lorde, in these partes within the dyocese of Yorke the pore man that make surrender of ther houses be hardely

¹ The renegade prior of the richest house of the Black Friars in England. (Hibbert's "Dissolution of the Monasteries.")

orderyd by the byschop's offycers, att the byschops comandement, so that they can nott be sufferyd to synge nor saye in any paryshe churche withoute they shewe ther letters off ther orderes, my letters or ther capacityes notwithstandinge, and the charges of these letters off ther ordres be so grett that the pore men be not abull to bere ytt, some muste goo an hunderyd myle to seke them, and when they come ther the cherges off for givying the regyster ys so grett that they be not able to pay ytt, so they come home ageyne confowndyd. I haue bene with my lorde of Yorke & shewyd to hym your lordeshyps letter that your comandemente ys, that they wyche so haue surrendryd ther houses shulde be sufferyde withoute interrupton to synge & saye in anye churche. The byshope made many obiecons & sayd that ytt muste be knowed whether they ware prystes or no, & I certefyde hym that wee that receivyd the houses make dewe serge wyche ware prystes & wheche ware none, & so made certyficate to your lordeshype & your lordeshype to the Kynges grace, so that by that meane ther capacityes ware grauntyd, wherfor I desyred hym to accepte ther capacityes from the Kynges grace with so moche favor as the byshops off Romes capacityes before had ben receyvvd, for the wyche ther was neuer serche made, butt streyghte obeyd. He att the laste grauntyd that so many as shewyd my hande shuld be allowyd tyll that ther capacityes myghte come, butt ther be many that be putte owte by other comyssyons that haue not my hande. Wherfor your lordeshype sholde do a charytable dede to wryghte your letters to the byshope, that he streyte att the syghte off your letters myghte sende thoroughe hys dyocese that all curates myghte haue warnynge to suffer soche pore men that haue gyffe upe ther houses to synge in ther churches, for they all haue before comandement off the byshope that they shall nott suffer them to synge withoute they shewe ther letters off ther ordres, the wyche ys nott possyble for them to doo. These ij letters my goode lorde I besече you to remember, one to M^r Laweson for certen coventes in Barwyke, the othe to the byshope of Yorke, for pore men to synge in paryshe churches within hys dyocese with owt shewynge of letters off ther orders.

My good lorde, I nowe am in Skarborowe, where I haue receyvvd iij pore houses off frers to the Kynges use, blake, whyte, & greye, so pore that they haue solde the stall and partclossys in the churche so that nothyng ys lefte butt stone and glasse, yett there ys metely good lede in these iij places I thynke amonge them xliⁱ foder, for the more parte in euery house sythe that I cam from you ys good lede, the wyche I haue to the Kynges grace & bellys & pore chalyses for other plate I fynde none. I shall nowe ryde, so sone as the weder wyll suffer me, to Carlelyll & Lancaster, & other houses yff any be in the waye or that I may here off, & I truste to see your lordeshype on palme Sondaye be Goddes grace, who preserve your good lordeshype. Thys x daye off Marche, wrytten be your servaunt and oratour,

Richard Dover.

(Vol. 144, p. 85.)

Richard, Bishop of Dover, to Cromwell.

1 April 1539. My singuler good lord, plesseyht ye yo^r good lordeschyp to understond I haue don your commandementt in all the northe & receyved all of howses of freers so far as I can know to the number of xxvj howses, in the which were ix schor faders & more the poorest howses that ever I came in. All the best thorow all Ynglond were taken by other vesitytors, for that I haue done all the poreest & few of any substans war lefte for me. I am rebuked in myselfe that I can bryng no more substans to the Kynges grace.

Besecheyng yow in y^e way of charyte to be good lorde to me for sum suarans of ye leueyng in Langley.

Thys fyrst day of Aprill.

Richard Dover, Bishop.

(Vol. 146, p. 236.)

Richard Pymond to Cromwell.

9 April 1539. Please it your good lordship to be aduertysed that where as that Sir Rychard Gresham made a request unto your lordship for a small farme belongyng unto the pryor of Seynt Oswaldes, Now it maye please your good lordship to be advertysed that the saide pryor is come up to London, and mooste humblye desyryng your good lordshyppe to haue me in remembrans whan that the said pryor shall come be for your good lordship for the saide pryor hath grauntyd me his good will so farforthe as that I myght attayne the good will of your lordshipe. As knowythe the Lorde, who preserve your good lordship in helthe. Frome Wakeffeld the ix daye of Aprill An^o 1539.

Your poor orator and servaunte,

Rychard Pymond.

(Vol. 150, p. 108.)

Sir George Lawson to Cromwell.

15 May 1539. It may pleas your lordship to call to yowr remembrance that ye directed your letters to the Kinges Commissioners of the surrendred monasteries and houses of freyrs in thies parties in my favor, that I shuld haue the preferment of the Awsten Freyrs in Yorke and the White Freyrs in Newcastell, whiche adioyneth to my two poor houses in the same and now haue them in possession. Most humble I besech your good lordship to be so good lorde unto me as to speke to Maister Chauncellor of thaugmentacon that I may haue a lease of the said houses accordynglye as other persons hathe ther leases of suche like houses of freyrs.

And our Lord God preserue your good lordship long in honor and prosperitie. At Berwik this holy thursday at night.

Your bounden beadman,

George Lawson.

(Vol. 151, p. 205.)

Sir Ralph Ellerker the younger to Cromwell.

19 June 1539. May it pleas your gude and honorable lordshipe to be aduertisid that where it pleasyd youe to be so gude Lorde to me at my laste beyng with yowre lordshipe as to advise your moste favorable letters, as well to my lorde abbote of Yorke for the farme of his parsonage with all that belonges, the sayme of Hornse in Holdernesse, the which he dyde refuse to graunte me apone the resayte of your lordshippes letters, wherfore I moste humbly beseche yowre gude lordshipe to be so gude lord to me as to moue the abbote your self for me for the sayme farme, whiche I triste he will note say your lordshipe nay, or els that the sayd abbote myghte be farder advertessyd of your pleasure in wrytynge for me in that behalf, and as for Maister Mangnus whome your lordshipe dyd writte at that tyme in lyke for me who dyde acomplesse your lordshippes requeste, for the whyche yf it wolde pleas yowe to be so gud lorde to me as that I myghte haue yowre lordshippes letter of thanks to the sayde Mayster Mangnus, or els your lordshipe to geue hyme thanks for me at syche tyme as he is presente with your lordshipe, I ware meche bowndine to your lordshipe for the sayme, and farder my lorde as I dowe here say thayre shall come to the Kynges maygistees handes all the landes whiche was the lady Salysberis, for the whiche yf it wolde please yowe to be so gude lord to me as to gitte me of the Kynges magiste the manor of Cottyngam with the demayne of the same whiche belongide to hir for the yerly rentte as it hays gone here to fore, whiche is xlv li. xi^s, and it ly in my power to dowe your lordshipe service or any other pleasur yowe shall command me, whiche I shalbe as redy in gude harte to dowe as any man shalbe, and farder yf it staunde not with your honorable lordshippes pleasur to sewe to the Kinges Magiste for me that I humbly desyere your gude lordshipe to be so gud lord to me as to gytte me the graunte of the demaynes of Nunkeyllynge in Holdernesse, whiche is by yere xxj li. xij^s iiij^d to haue it for the rente payinge. Your lordshipe were so gud lord to me at my laste beyng with youe that ye commandyd me to weyte to yowe fro tyme to tyme, wherfore it maykes me bowlde to trowble youe with my rudnes wher in I humbly desyere yowe to holde me excussyd, for onder the Kynges Magiste in youe is my triste as knawis Gode, who presarue your lordshipe in honor longe to conteneue. From York this xix day of June, by hyme that is your lordshippes assuryde to command.

Rauff Ellerker, younger, Kt.

(Vol. 152, p. 83.)

Sir John Nevile to Cromwell.

27 Sept. 1539. My especiall gode lord, I humelye beseche your gode lordshipe to be gode & gracious lorde unto me and I myght haue your gode & favorabul letter unto Syr Bryan Henke, tresurer, unto the Kynges honorabull Chaumbre, to withdraw hys accion (?)

agaynste me tyll your lordeshipe may see a conuenient tyme with the Kynges grace; furder more my lord hys hyghnes hath comaunded me to send a remembraunce to your lordship for the suppression of the house of Gysseburgh and the deinaynes to the same with the parsonage, besechyng your honorabul lordship that I myght haue oute the Kynges gracious comyssion for the suppression of the same, & your gracious & favorabull letter for the prefarment of the godes moueabull & on moueable, wherbye I myght be the mor abull to maynten the farme, and I shall pray dayly for your gode helth long to endure. From Chett¹ the xxvijth day of Septembre, be your poor oratur.

John Nevvell.
(Vol. 153, p. 162.)

William Abbot of York to Cromwell.

9 Nov. 1539. Right honorable and my synguler good lord, in my most humble maner I recommend me to your good lordshipe, evenso thankyng the same for your synguler goodnes towards me and this poore house at all tymes, besechyng the same of contynuanee in this my greate necessitie, and if myght please the Kynges most graciously maistye that this his monasterye myght stande with alterations to serue his highnes, as I trust the situatione of the same and trew seruyce in tymes past wyll apere to his sayd maistye and your lordshipe conuenient. I wold be glad not onely as your sayd lordshipe shall thynk good to be orderyd but evenso to tak so myche paynes, and those that shall remayn there, as is to us possible, and if his graces pleasor be determyned that we shall all avoyde, than I humblye besycche you to be so good lord to me as to assigne me a good pensione and a honest house to dwell yn in this my age and weyknesse of bodye, yf it may be the maner of Overton, with thapportenances, to be had to me as parcell of my pensione as the valor therof shall extende, and as I am boundon I shall contynually pray for your good lordshipe long to contynow in myche honor. At York the ixth day of November.

Yowr lordshippes humble Beadsman,
William Abbott ther.
(Vol. 154, p. 147.)

Robert Ferrar to Cromwell.

15 Nov. 1539. Ryght honorable and my ryght effectuose goode lorde, after humble reuerence & intier thanks (accordynge to my bownden deubtie) for yowre honorable goodnesse moste largely exhibyte to me atte alle seasons, hearwythe I do assertyne yowre

¹ Chevet, near Wakefield.

lordshyppe thatte (furste my conscience playnly utterydde unto the ryghte worshyppfulle mayster Henley & hys associats) I dydde humbly submytte my seylfe to the Kynghes pleasure, wythawte any conditione or requeste for myne awne parte, beseychyng thaim eyven as I hartly beseyche yowre lordshyppe to be goode and favorable to my poore feloose servauntes & other poore people whyche hadde releyffe & socowre offe me theare, and veryly I fownde Mayster Henley moste worshyppfulle, most gentle, playne, ryghtwyse & charitable, takynge alle thynges to the beste, thatte eyver I kneuwe in any office hear, specially towards me in alle thynges, & that for yowr sake. I fownde mayster Belasses lykewyse faste & freyndly, mayster Watkyns freyndly, my lorde deane & mayster doctor Legh sumwhatte straytte, neuertheless gentle in wordes. Mayster doctor hathe taken possessions yn yowre ferme of Huntwyke, myndynge so to haue doone atte the poor celle offe Stokyrke¹ whearunto I hadde putte (by the hoole consente & deydde offe the convente) a verry poore manne whyche maryedde my syster, havynge many smalle chylder & no howse to dwelle yn, botte goode mayster Henley consyderynge the poor mans neyde & also yowre honorable letters concernynge my mansione hathe referrydde the matter to yowre lordshyppe. Whearyne bycause bothe my poor brother ys destitute off an howse & I also, I beseyche yowre lordshyppe offe yowre favorable helpe, & forther to be goode lorde to my faythfulle brother Syr Ioan Gybsone, who hathe taken moste payns offe alle that to me belongyde. Soche poor servyse under Godde & the Kynge as I may or caune doo atte alle tymes ys my bowndon deubtie to yowre lordshippe, whome I pray Godde for the love offe Chryste Jesu to save & mayntayne in heylthe & honor to Goddes glorie. Wryttne atte Hoghton By yowre awne in the Lorde,

Roberte Ferrar, laitte offe S. Oswaldes.

(Vol. 155, p. 13.)

Walter Hendle & Commissioners of the North to Cromwell.

19 Nov. 1539. In our moste humble maner we commende us to your goode lordship, and for asmoche as in thexecutinge of our moste souerayne lorde the Kynges highnes commission at the lait monasterye of Saincte Maryes at Yourke we did fynde the lait abbott ther verey obedient and all his covent to accomlishe the Kynges most graciouse pleasor in all thinges, and also his house in suche ordre and staye as we do nott doubte butt att our repay[ring] to London with our certificate itt shall be to his highnes contentacon. We therfor perceyvinge his honestye in all his doinges, ar so bouldenott onlie to maike relacon unto your lordship accordingle, butt also to desyer the same in his sutes unto youe to be goode and favorable

¹ Skewkirk, a cell to Nostell Abbey, which was granted to Dr. Legh.

lorde unto him, and likewise to reporte him to the Kynges Maiestie. And thus our lorde euer preserue your goode lordship in moche honor. Att Montegrace the xixth day of December.

Yo^r att commaundment,
 Walter Hendle.
 Thomas Legh.
 Richard Watkyns.
 Leonerd Bekwith.
 Hugh Fuller.
 (Vol. 155, p. 153.)

The Commissioners of the North to Cromwell.

8th Decembre (1539). After meest humble commendacions to your good lordship, pleaseth it the same be aduertiesed that we haue altered Burton-upon-Trent, and accordinge to the Kinges highnes commission and instruccions we haue dissolued the howses of Ham-pole,¹ Sancte Oswaldes,² Pountefracte,³ Fontaunce,⁴ Sancte Maries in Yowrke,⁵ Nonappleton,⁶ and Selbye,⁷ and also altered the howse of Sancte Leonerdes in Yowrke, after such ordre and fassion as we trust shall appeir to your lordship to be to the Kinges honour and contentacion. Albeit, we could natt make despeche in parte of the said places without some difficultie, as yo^r lordship shall perceyve at o^r repayer to London. further certifienge yo^r lordship that we haue takyn the shrynes in all such places as we haue yett hetherto repayrede unto the Kinges use; and for asmoche as we haue no com-mission in that behalf, we beseiche youe that we may haue a com-mission for that purpouse, beringe date of the other commissions, to shewe if neede shall requier. And thus o^r Lorde euer preserue youre goode lordship in moche hono^r. At Selbie the viijth day of Decembre.

Yours at commandement, Waltere Hendle, Richarde Layton, Thomas Legh, Rychard Bellassys, Richard Watkyns.

(Cleopatra, E, iv, 290.)

Sir John Nevile to Cromwell.

26 Dec. 1539. Plessythe your gude lordshyppe that I haue recyvvd your gud lordshypp gud letters, and a letter from Maist^r Chanselar of Augmentacyons to Maist^r Walter Hynnelay & other of the Kynges comysioners in my favor for the possessyon of Stanar and Thorppe, belongyng to the monestery of Selbe, and wher that yt hawthe pleasyd your gud lordshyppe to drect a letter unto the said comysioners for the staying off my possescyon, be cause that yt was informyd the Kynges highnesse & your gud lordshyppe that they

¹ Dissolved 19 Nov. 1539. ² 20 Nov. 1539. ³ 23 Nov. 1539. ⁴ 23 Nov. 1539. ⁵ 29 Dec. 1539. ⁶ 5 Dec. 1539. ⁷ 6 Dec. 1539.

were thwo princypall keys off the howsse for gud hospytalyte keypyng, and my gud lorde I suppose that he that heyth takyn yt off the right worshyppfull M^r Saddelar wyll kep but small hospytalyte ther. Neuerthelesse, my gud lord, I am and ever wyll be wyll content as y^t shall plesse the Kynges hightnesse & your gud lordshypp. And also my gud lord yf yt plesse your gud lordshypp to understand as for the ferm of Thorpe is no parcelles of the demanes, but that the Abbot dyd lait it owt the last yer to on Rauffe Bawyd, stuard to the lait Lord Darcy, and to other two by covent seall humbly besuchyng your gud lordshypp to remember me and to call to your gud remembrance of the Kinges heghtnesse gud & gracyous grant for the preferment of the howse of Gyssburthe & Selby, trustyng in your honorabyll lordshypp & in the way off charyte to remember me in some recompence of the same, an I may dayly pray for your most nobyll eystayt long to endure. From my power howse att the Cheytt, the present Sanct Steven day, by your orator,

John Nevyll.
(Vol. 155, p. 178.)

The Commissioners of the North Parties to Cromwell.

7 Jan. 1539-40. Pleasith youre good lordship to be advertised that upon the dissolucon of the late monasterye of Egliston in the Countie of York we ther receyved youre letters dated in Marche last past wherby it appered the Kynges pleasor to be that Edward Aglamby of Karlell shuld haue the preferment of the same house. And also we recevyd at the same tyme frome M^r Chancellor one letter dated in the moneth of Octobr last past by which it appered the Kinges Maiesties pleasor to be that Alen Kyng¹ suld have the preferment of the same house, And for so moche as it was doubtfull to be unto whether of the saide parties the Kynges Maiesties pleasor is that the possession and custodie of the same house shuld be deluyered, We therefore by the consent of bothe partyes haue committed the custody of the same house and demesnez unto one Thomas Rokeby, esquier, dwellinge nere the same savely and indifferently to be kept unto the Kynges Maiesties pleasor be further knowne by youre good lordship whoose honor we besuche Almighty God longe to conteneue. At Eglestone the vij day of January. Yor^s at commaundment.

Walter Hendle.
Richarde Layton.
Thomas Legh.
Richard Watkyns.
(Vol. 157, p. 30.)

¹ Alan Kyng of London had a lease of lands, etc., belonging to Eggleston Abbey 28 Feb. 1540-1. (Augmentation Books, vol. 213.)

Thomas Legh to Cromwell.

16 Jan. 1539-40. My bounden duetie in most humble wise unto your goode lordship promised, wheras the same att all tymes sens our coming furth frome London haue continually beyn occupied and had so great matters uppon hande I wold nott be so bould afor this tyme to make my sute unto your lordship, butt nowe trusting the most parte of the same to be over passed I ame so bould as to reduce unto your lordshippes goode memorye my sute of Sanct Oswaldes, whiche it pleased the Kinges highnes I shuld haue in recompense of Croxton, beseiching youe of your moost especial goodnes towardes me to be [moving] in my behalf that I may haue the said Sanct Oswaldes¹ according as I had Croxton, and your lordship in so doing shall bynd me att all tymes to render unto the same my true hert and faithfull service next under the Kinges Maiestie. I beseiche your lordship to se expedicon had in this behalf, and that itt wold pleas the same to to be goode and favorable lorde unto Syr John Lowther, Knight, in his sute unto youe for the preferment of Shappe. And thus our Lord euer preserue youre goode lordship in moche honor and hertes comforth. Att Kendall, in hast, the xvjth day of January.

Your lordship att all comandment,

Thomas Legh.

(Vol. 157, p. 63.)

Robert, Bishop of Llandaff,² to Cromwell.

18 March 1539-40. . . . My suytt is to your good lordshipe to be a meane to the Kinges maiestie for the signyng of the byll for the assurans of Watton for terme of my lyffe, and thus I am euer bolde to molest yow with my suyttes and can neuer deserue noo parte of your goodnes as knawyth the blyssyd Trinite whoo euer haue you in his governance my most singular good lorde. From Yorke the eighteyn daie of Marche.

Your lordshippes assuryd orator att comandmentt,

Rob^t Landaff.

(Vol. 158, p. 72.)

¹ It was afterwards granted to him.

² Robert Holgate, born at Hemsworth 1500, a canon of the order of St. Gilbert of Sempringham, prior of the house of Watton, created Bishop of Llandaff 19 March 1536-7, being empowered to retain the mastership of Sempringham and priory of Watton, which was surrendered 9 Dec. 1539. He was elected Archbishop of York 10 Jan. 1544-5, and was Lord President of the Council of the North, but was deprived of his see 16 March 1553-4. He founded free schools at York, Hemsworth, and Old Malton (of which latter abbey he had a grant), and a hospital at Hemsworth. (See Athenæ Cantabrigienses, 164.)

John Uvedale¹ to Cromwell.

14 April 1540. Pleas it youre good and honorable lordship to bee aduertised, that according unto your right kynde and honorable promyse made unto me at my late being at London with your good lordshyppe I haue receiued frome the same a right feyr baye stoned hors for a stallande, for the whiche in my mooste humble wise I hartily thanke your good lordship, and truste within iij or iiij yeres frome hens to presente youre good lordship with some colte of his owne getting. Wold God that euery countie in this realme had but oon suche a fayre stallande for the increas of our brede of horssees, whiche is sore decayed in thies parties, and all for wante of good stallandes.

And, because I haue alwayes knowne youre good lordship indued with a honorable and vertuous mynd and purpos towards the Comonweale of this realme, I haue bene soo bold to peñe oon acte againste the malte merchautes of Yorke, whiche by making of malte within the same haue almoost destroyed the same goodly aunciente citie and alsoo consumed all the woodes growing within xx^{li} myles of the same, wherefore mooste humbly I beseche your good and honorable lordship to take the payne to reforme the said acte where it is amys, and to preserve the same soo as it may reforme thoffenders, or elles this citie wolbe brought yeuen to nought within fewe yeres, for they haue almoste clery forsaken all honeste mysteries and handy occupacons and dayly doo practise this feate of malte making by means whereof malte hath bene and is contynually derer at Yorke thene it is in all other the northe parties of this realme. My lord presidente of the northe cane further declare this incomodie thus mysused if it woll pleas youre good lordship to here his opynyon therein.

I doo sende my servaunte William Strikland, this berer, at this tyme unto your good lordship as well for your good and honorable loving aide for opteynyng of my leasse of Marrike at thandes of Maister Chancellor of the Augmentacons, who yet hidderto (I knowe not for what purpos) hathe and dothe delaye me of the same, as for sundry his owne pursuytes for such pore thinges as he of late opteyned at thandes of his kynnyman, the late abbot of Whitby, wherein I mooste humbly beseche your good lordship to be his good lorde, and the rather to despatche hym at this my humble pursute, he being a pore yong man and having litle to leve on or to spende, but oonly suche pore thinges as what his pene he gettethe under me. I see a great nombre of leasses passed to divers men of thies parties by the said M^r Chauncellor and my leasse deferred, of soo small a thing I marvaile what he meanethe by it. They and I were of contrary opynnyons. I ame well assured in tyme of the late comocen me thinketh of equytie the said Maister Chancellor shuld fauor me

¹ Secretary to the Council of the North, Treasurer of Garrisons on the Border. He had a grant of Marrick priory.

as well as theym and somewhat considre my service here, though it bee done farre of and not in dayly sight. I mooste humbly beseche your good lordship to helpe to further me oonys againe in this my long pursute, and thus the holie Trynytie evermore haue you in gouernance my mooste singuler good lorde. Written at Yorke the xiiij daye of Aprill

By your oldeste disciple,

Jo. Uvedale.

(Vol. 159, p. 84.)

Although it had been intended that the monks and nuns of the monasteries not included in the first Act of Parliament should surrender their houses by their own free will, there is no doubt that great compulsion was used to accomplish the work. It, however, seemed necessary that there should be another Act passed to enable the King to take possession of all the lands and goods into his own hands. An Act was therefore passed in the session of 1539, of which the following is an abstract:—

31 Hen. VIII. (1539), c. 13.

An Acte for dissolution of Abbeyes.

Where diverse and sundrie Abbottes, Priours, Abbesses, Prioresses, and other Eccliaſticall Governours and Governesses of diverse Monasteries, Abbathies, Nonries, Colleges, Hospitalls, Houses of Friers, and other religuous and eclesiastical Houses and places within this our Sovereigne Lorde the Kinges realme of Englande and Wales of their owne free and voluntarie myndes, good willes and assentes, without constraynte, coaction, or compulsion of any manner of person or persons, sythen the fourth daye of February the xxvijth yere of the raigne of our nowe most dred Sovereigne Lorde, by the due order and course of the comen lawes of this his realme of Englande, and by their sufficient writinges of recorde under their covent and comen seales, haue severally geven, graunted, and by the same their writinges confirmed all their saide Monasteries, Abbathies, Priories, Nonries, Colleges, Hospitals, Houses of Friers, &c., and all their scites, circutes, and precynctes of the same, and all and singuler their mannors, lordshippes landes, tents, meadowes, pastures, rentes, condicons, comons, leetes, courtes, libertyes, privileges, and franchises apperteyning or in any wise belonging to any suche Monastery, &c., by whatsoever name or corporacon they, or any of them, were then named or called, and of what order, habit, religion, or other kinde or quality soever they, or any of them, then were reputed, knowen, or taken; To have and to holde all the saide Monasteries, &c., to our saide Sovereigne Lorde, his heirs and successors, for ever; and the same their saide Monasteries, &c., voluntarily, as is aforesaide, have renunced, lefte, and forsaken and everie of them hathe renunced, lefte, and forsaken; Be it enacted by the King and the Lordes

Spirituell and temporall and the Coñons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same, That the Kinge shall haue, holde (possesse), and enjoye to him, his heires and successors for ever, all suche late Monasteries, &c., of what kindes they were named, which syth the said fourth daye of Februarye the xxvijth yere of the reigne of our saide Lorde, haue been dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquyshed, forfeited, given upp, or by any other meane come to his Highnes; and by the same auctoritie shall have all the scites, mannors, landes, &c., which apperteyned to the saide late Monasteries, &c., in as large and ample manner as the late Abbottes, &c., had held or of right ought to haue holden in the rightes of the saide late Monasteries, &c., at the time of the saide dissolucon, or by any other manner of meane comyng of the same to the Kinges Highnes sythen the fourthe day of February above specified.

And it is further enacted that not onely the saide late Monasteries, Abbathies, Priories, &c., but all other Monasteries, &c., which hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, or by any other meane come unto the Kinges Highnes, shalbe vested by auctoritie of this parliament in the possession of the Kinge our Lorde.

And be it also enacted that all the saide late Monasteries, &c., which bene dissolved and which hereafter shall be dissolved shalbe in thorder and governance of our Lorde the Kinges Court of Augmentacons of the Revenues of his Crowne, and of the Chauncelor, Officers, and Ministers of the same, and all the revenues shall be ordered to the Kings use in suche manner as the Monasteries, &c., late apperteyninge or belonginge unto the Monasteries, &c., late by auctoritie of parliament suppressed, bene ordered, surveyed, and governed.

An Act of Parliament was passed in 1540 to take possession of the houses and lands of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

32 Hen. VIII. (1540), c. 24.

The Possessions of Thospitalles of S^t Johns of Hierusalem.

The Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Coñons in this present parliament assembled, having credible knowledge that divers the Kinges subjectis called Knightes of [the] Rodes, otherwise callid Knightes of Saint Johnes, otherwise called Freers of the Religion of Saint John of Jerusalem in England, and of a like house being in Ireland, abiding in the parties of beyonde the See, and having aswell out of this Realme as out of Ireland and other the Kinges Dominions yerelye greate somes of money for maytenance of their lyvinges, have unnaturally and contrarie to the duety of their allegeaunces susteyned and maynteynid the usurped powre and auctoritie of the Bishop of Rome, lately used and practised within this Realme and other the Kinges Dominions, and have not onely adhered theymselvis to the said Bishop being coñon ennemye to the

King and to his Realme, untruely upholding, knowleging and affirmyng maliciously and traitorously the same Bishop to be supreme and chef hed of Christes Church by Goddes holy wourde, intending thereby to subvert the good lawes of this Realme, their naturall Contrey, made and grounded by auctoritie of Holy Church by the most excellent Wisedome, polycye, and goodnes of the Kinges Majesty with the hole assent and consent of the Realme for the abolishing, expulsing, and utter extincting of the said usurped power and auctoritie, but also have diffamed and sclaundred aswell the Kinges Majesty as the noble men, prelates, and other the Kinges true and loving subjectis of this Realme for their good and godly proceeding in that behalf; have, therefore, deeply pondered and considered that, like as it is and was a mooste godly acte of the Kinges moste roiall Majesty and the said noble men, prelates, and comons of this Realme utterly to expulse and abolishe, not only from this Realme but also from other the Kinges Dominions, the said usurped power and auctoritie of the Bishop of Rome, by expulsing wherof Goddes holy worde necessarie for increace of vertue and salvation of Christen soules is not onely purely and sincerely avaunced and set furth, but also the extorte exactions [and] innumerable somes of Money craftely exhausted out of this Realme and of other the Kinges Dominions by the Color of the said usurped auctoritie is removed and taken away, to the inestimable benefite and comoditie of the Kinges loving subjectis; So like maner of wise it shulde be mooste daungerous to be suffred or permitted within this Realme or in any other the Kinges Dominions any Religion being sparkis leaves or ympes of the said roote of iniquitie; Consideryng also that the Isle of [Rhodes], wherby the said religion toke their olde name and foundation, is surprised by the Turke, and that it were and is muche better that the possessions in this Realme and in other the Kinges Dominions appertayning to the said religion shulde rather be employed and spent within this Realme and in other the Kinges Dominions for the defence and suertie of the same, than converted to and amongst suche unnatural subjectis which haue declyned not only from their naturall duetye of obedience that they ought to bear unto the King their Lorde, but also from the good lawes of this Realme, their naturall Countrey, daily doing all they can to subvert the good and godly Policye in the whiche thanckis be to God and to our most dradde Lorde this Realme and other the Kynges Dominions now stande in; In consideracon wherof the said Lordes and the Comons in this parliament most humbly besechin the Kinges moste Roiall Majesty that it may be enacted by his Highnes and by thassent of the Lordes and the Comons that the corporation of the said Religion aswell within this Realme as within the Kinges Dominions and lande of Ireland, by whatsoeuer name or names they be founded, incorporatid, or knowen, shalbe utterly dissolued & voyde to all intentis and purposes; And that Sir Wylm Weston, Knyght, now being Priour of the said Religion within this Realme of England, shall not be named or callid from hensfurth Prior of Saint Johnes

of Jeriñ in England, but shalbe callid by his propre name of Wiltm Weston, Knight, without further addition towching the said Religion; And that likewise John Rawson, Knight, now being Priour of Kilmaynam in Irelande, shall not be callid Priour of Kilmaynam but onely by his propre name of John Rawson, Knight; nor that any of the bretherne or confreres of the said Religion shalbe called Knightes of the [Rhodes], nor Knightes of Saint Johnes, but shalbe called by their owne propre Christen names and surnames of their parentis without any other additions towching the said Religion.

And be it further enacted that the Kinges Majestie, his heires and successours, shall have all that Hospitall, Mansion House, Church, and all other houses, buyldinges, and gardeines being nereunto the Citie of London, called the House of Saincte John of Jeriñ, and all that Hospitall Church of Kilmaynam, and all Castellis, Honours, Mannours, landes, commaunderies, preceptories, wheresoever they be, which belonged to the said religion or to the Priours, Maistres or Gouvernours, Knightis, and all goodes, catallis, dettis, &c., to have and to holde to our saide Sovereigne Lorde and to his heires and successours foreuer to use and employ at his owne free will and pleasure.

The last letter that there is in the State Papers regarding the suppression of the monasteries appears to be the one from John Uvedale in April 1540, printed above. In two months after that date Cromwell's career ended, and he came to an untimely end.¹

Not being content with the surrender of the monasteries the King determined in 1545 to suppress in addition all the hospitals, chapels, and chauntries, so a fresh Act was passed.

37 Henry VIII. (1545), c. 4.

In their moste humble wise shewen unto your roiall Majestie your lovinge subjectes the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the

¹ Thomas Cromwell is said to have been born about 1485, and to have been the son of a blacksmith or fuller of cloth. He went when young to Italy, and is supposed to have been in the French service. He returned to England in 1513, when he became a lawyer and money-lender. He was appointed 1514 by Cardinal Wolsey as a collector of his revenues, and in 1524 assisted him in his suppression of the monasteries for the endowment of Christ Church College at Oxford, and became his trusted servant. He afterwards attracted the notice of Henry VIII., and in 1531 was made a Privy Councillor, and in 1533 Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in 1534 Vicar-General. He had in 1535 a commission as general visitor of the monasteries, and had full control of their surrenders. He was created, 9 July 1536, Lord Cromwell of Oakham, and had a grant of the monastery of Lewes. He negotiated the marriage with Anne of Cleves, and 17 April 1540 became Earl of Essex; but shortly after, on 10 June, was accused of treason, imprisoned in the Tower, and executed 28 July. His son Gregory had been summoned in his lifetime as Baron Cromwell, which peerage lasted till 1709.

Commons of this present Parliament assembled, That where there haue bene diuerse Colleges, Frechappelles, Chauntries, Hospitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guyldes, and Stipendarie Prestes having perpetuity for ever, Sithens which tyme dyvers of the Donors, founders, or patrones, or suche as pretende to be of the same Colleges, &c., of their avarouse and covetouse myndes and of their owne auctoritie without your graciouse licence have of late entred into the mansion houses, mannors, landes, &c., to the same colleges, &c., belonginge and have expulsed the Prestes, Wardeynes, Maisters, Ministers, Rulers, Governors, and Incumbentes of the same out and from the possession thereof, and they and their heirs and assignes doe occupye the saide Mansion Houses, &c., and doe receyve and convert the rentes to their owne proper uses, and some of the saide Prestes, &c., by covyne betwene them and the Patrons, donors, or founders of the same have also of their owne auctority, without your Grace's licence, bargayned and sould all or parte of their mannors, &c., annexed, unyt, or belonginge to the saide Colleges, &c., and some of the saide Prestes, &c., of their owne auctoritie without thassent of their Patrons have nowe of late made Leases for terme of lief of their saide Frechappelles, chauntries, hospitalles, &c., and have not reserved the accustomed rent that the same hath bene used to be letten for; and some of them by covyne have suffered recoveries, leyed fynes and made feoffamentes of all or parte of their possessions; by reason whereof diverse of the said Frechappelles, &c., ben clerely dissolued contrarye to the willes and purposes of the founders, &c., and to the greate contempte of your Majestie; And we your Graces most lovinge humble subjectes right well knowing and perceyving the exceedinge greate charges, costes, and expences which your Majestie hath had and susteyned and dayly doeth susteyne, aswell for the mayntenance of theis present Warres againste the Relmes of Fraunce and Scotlande and for the preservacon and defence of us your subjectes againste the invasions and malice of your enemyes the Frenchmen and Scottes, who dayly do studdy, devise, and attempte to greive, annoy, and hurte your lovinge subjectes; Doe therefore with our hole voice most humblie beseche your Majestie that it may be enacted by your Hignes withe thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Commons in this Parliament assembled, that all the saide Colleges, Frechappelles, Chauntries, Hospitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guyldes, and other the same promocons, had or made to have contynuaunce in perpetuite for ever, and beinge or that hath or ought to be contributive to the payment of the First Frutes and Tenthes accordinge to the Lawes in that behalfe had and made, by what name they were founded, and all the mansion houses, mannors, orchardes, gardens, londes, tents, churches, chappelles, advowsons whatsoever they be belonginge to any such College, &c., shall from hensforth by auctoritie of this Acte be adjudged and demed and also be in the very actual possession & seisin of the Kinge our Soverayne Lord and of

his heires and successours for ever in as large and ample a manner as the said Prestes, &c., or the Patrons, &c., at any time sichens the said fourthe daye of Februarie in the xxvijth yere aforesaid had occupied or nowe hathe enjoyethe the same and as though all the saide colleges, &c., were in the present acte specially named.

And be it further enacted that all the saide Chauntries, Hospitalles, Colleges, &c., and all the Mansion Houses, Mannors, and Lands shalbe in the order of our Sovereigne Lorde the Kinges Court of Augmentacons of the Revenues of his Crowne, and to be graunted by the Chauncellor, Officers, &c., of the same Courte in suche manner as other mannors, &c., appoynted to the said courte of Augmentacons bene to be graunted.

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PART II.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE SMALL PRIORIES UNDER THE
VALUE OF £200 A YEAR WHICH WERE DISSOLVED
BY THE ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 1535-6.

ARDEN.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to S^t Andrew.

Founded by Peter de Hoton, who gave the site, which his daughter Elizabeth and Roger de Mowbray confirmed. At the dissolution the Duke of Norfolk was called the Founder.²

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—12*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., 86).

SURRENDER.—1536, there being 9 nuns.

PENSION.—Margery Danby, the last Prioress, had a pension of 4*l.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 575.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 27 Henry VIII. (1535) to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 12*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* of the issues of the Priory due at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Robert Hill, collector of the rents there. Also with 7*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Dame Margery Danby, late Prioress there, with 34*s.* 8*d.* received at the time of the removal. Also with 4*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* received from the said Robert Hill of the issues of his office this year. Total, 25*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*

He charges himself with 76*s.* 8*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory subscribed by the abovesaid Margery Danby, late Prioress. Also with 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the lead on the roof of the church and of the other houses. Also with 10*s.* for two small bells hanging in the belfry. Also with 23*s.* 4*d.* for the grain in the granary at the time of the survey, expended in the priory. And with 11*l.*, the price of sundry beasts expended there between the survey and the suppression, viz., 1 horse 6*s.* 8*d.*, 30 wethers 60*s.*, 26 ewes 34*s.* 8*d.*, 30 other sheep 30*s.*, 40 lambs 26*s.* 8*d.*,

¹ Eight miles from Thirsk and ten miles from Helmsley; in the Deanery and Archdeaconry of Cleveland. "In a narrow valley in the Hambleton hills; only a chimney remains" (Grainge's "Vale of Mowbray").

² Dugdale, Tanner, Burton.

9 cows 72s. Also with 42s. 4d., increase of price on the above, viz., on the wethers 6s. 8d., on the ewes 2s., on the lambs 12s., on 29 sheep called "hoggerelles" charged at 29s., 9s. 8d., on the 8 cows or heifers 12s., which increase was received by the Prioress and expended in her inn. Also with 8l. 12s. received by the Prioress for things sold by her in the said time and expended in the said inn, not charged in the inventory, viz., 1 young horse 5s., 1 cow 12s., 34 wethers 56s. 8d., 236 fleeces of wool at 5d., 4l. 18s. 4d. Also with 45l. 3s. 11d., the value of the rest of the goods, etc., according to the inventory, sold by the Commissioners to John Banks, farmer, of the site of the priory, with the demesne lands, with 66s. 8d. increase. Total, 89l. 19d., with 14l. 12d. increase.

19 Sept., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Thomas Welles of the household of the site of the late Priory of Arden for 21 years at the rent of 8l. 9s. 8d.

This indenture made between the most excellent prince and lord, the Lord Henry the Eighth, by the grace of God, etc., of the one part, and Thomas Welles, gentleman of the household of the said Lord the King, of the other part, witnesseth that the said Lord the King by the advice and consent of the council of the court of the augmentations of the revenues of his crown, has given, granted and to farm demised to the same Thomas the site of the house or late priory of Arden in the county of York, by authority of parliament recently suppressed and dissolved, together with all the houses, buildings, barns, dove-cots, yards, orchards, gardens, demesne lands, meadows, feedings and pastures under-written to the same site or late priory belonging or pertaining, to wit, the Rye feld, the Hooode feld, the Hethermerbrodefeld, the Mylne Carre, with the Freer house garthe, the Stany flatt, one close called the Cowhouse Ynges, the West feld, one close called the Cow Yng, one other close called the Homylhome, the Homylfeld, the Wethurcote Yng, the Northmore close, the Throwdale close, one other close called the Rygge, another close called Cowhill, another close called Holyng, another close called Hasteling, another close called Elleryng, another close called Crosse flatte, another close called Uncote hill, another close called Ramsflatte, the Rughe croft feld, another close called Thomas Busk, the Horseclose, one watermill with one acre of meadow to the same adjacent, one other acre of meadow called Hemme acre, one house called the deyryhouse, with one close called Kowe Wathe and another enclosure called Gate Cote (all escheats,

reliefs, great timber trees and woods to the same belonging excepted and wholly reserved to the said Lord the King, his heirs and successors). To have and to hold the site aforesaid and all and singular other the premises with the appurtenances (except the before-excepted) to the aforesaid Thomas and his assigns from the feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. M. last past to the end and term, and for the term of 21 years then next following and fully to be completed, paying therefor yearly to the said Lord the King, his heirs and successors, 8*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* of the lawful money of England, payable in equal portions at the feasts of St. Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the B. V. M., or within one month after each of those feasts, at the court aforesaid during the term aforesaid. And the aforesaid Lord the King wills, and by the presents grants, that the said Lord the King, his heirs and successors, will well and sufficiently repair, keep up and maintain, all the houses and buildings of the premises, as well in timber as in roofs of 'tile' and 'sclate,' from time to time so often as it may be necessary and fitting, during the term aforesaid. And the aforesaid Thomas and his assigns, at their own costs and charges, will well and sufficiently keep up and maintain the roofs of straw and all other necessary repairs of the premises, excepting the timber, 'tile' and 'sclate' aforesaid, from time to time so often as it may be necessary and fitting during the term aforesaid. And the aforesaid Lord the King further wills and by the presents grants, that it shall be lawful to the same Thomas and his assigns from time to time to take and have competent and sufficient 'hegebote, fyerbote, ploughbote' and 'cartbote,' from and upon the premises there yearly to be expended and occupied during the term aforesaid. In witness whereof to the one part, etc., and to the other part, etc. Given at Westminster on the 19th day of September in the 28th year of the reign of the said Lord the King.

By the council of the court aforesaid.

(Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 10.)

GRANT to Thomas Culpeper, the site of the Priory of Arden with lands pertaining.

[Translation.]

For Thomas Culpeper and his heirs.	} The King, to all to whom, etc., greeting. Whereas by a certain indenture made under the great seal of the court of the augmentations of the revenues of our crown, bearing date at Westminster on the second day of June in the

thirtieth year of our reign we demised to Sir Ralph Ellerker of Rysby, co. York, knight, the house and site of the late priory of Haltamprice in the said county And whereas also by another indenture made between us, of the one part, and Thomas Welles, gentleman of our household, of the other part, dated at Westminster on the 19th day of September in the 28th year of our reign [here recited] we demised to the aforesaid Thomas Welles the site of the house or late priory of Arden in the said county Know ye that we, in consideration of the good, true and faithful service which our well-beloved servant Thomas Culpeper, esquire, has heretofore rendered to us, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted, and by the presents do give and grant to the same Thomas the reversion and reversions of all the aforesaid houses and sites of the said late priories of Haltamprice [and Arden], and of the aforesaid messuages, lands, meadows, pastures, and all and singular other the premises above expressed and specified . . . : and to the abovesaid Ralph Ellerker [and] Thomas Welles by the several indentures aforesaid [as is set forth above] severally demised. Moreover we give and by the presents do grant to the aforesaid Thomas Culpeper all the annual rent of 8*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* to us reserved Also we do give, and for the consideration aforesaid confirm, to the aforesaid Thomas Culpeper the whole house and site of the said late priory of Arden in our said county of York, now dissolved, and all the church, belfrey and churchyard of the same late priory, and also all our messuages, houses, buildings, dovecots, ponds, fish-stews, yards, orchards, gardens, lands and soil, being as well within as without, and near and close to the site, enclosure, ambit, circuit and precinct of the same late priory, and also our watermill with its appurtenances [and the parcels of land as set forth in the minister's account under the heading of demesne lands] and the reversions, rents and annual profits of all and singular the premises in Arden aforesaid and of every parcel thereof, as fully and wholly, and in as ample manner and form, as the last prior(ess) of the said late monastery or priory of Arden, or any of his (her) predecessors, priors thereof, in right of their priory, at any time before the dissolution of the same late priory, had held or enjoyed the aforesaid site, mill [etc., etc.], or ought to have had, held or enjoyed the same, and as fully and wholly, and in as ample manner and form, as all and singular these things came or ought to have come into our hands, and now are in our hands, by reason or pretext of the aforesaid act of parliament or in any manner,

the which site of the said late monastery or priory of Arden, and the aforesaid messuages [etc.] in Arden aforesaid are valued at 8*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* a year, and not more To hold the site of the said late monastery or priory of Arden aforesaid [etc.], paying yearly therefor to us, our heirs and successors, 17*s.* payable to our court of the augmentations of the revenues of our crown at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel every year, for all rents, services and demands whatsoever to be rendered, paid or done for the premises or any of them. And moreover, of our further grace, we do give and by the presents grant to the aforesaid Thomas Culpeper, all the issues, rents, revenues and profits of all the aforesaid sites, messuages, [etc., etc.] above expressed and specified from the feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. M. last past up to the present coming or growing, to have to the same Thomas of our gift, without any account or other thing to be therefor rendered, paid or done in any way to us, our heirs or successors. Although express mention, etc. In witness whereof, etc. Witness the King at Westminster on the twelfth day of June.

By the King himself.

Patent Roll, 32 Henry VIII. Part 2, m. 27 (15).

20 Nov., 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

REQUEST by Thomas Culpeper to purchase the farm of the site and lands of the Priory of Arden. (9th Report of the Deputy Keeper.)¹

ARTHINGTON.² BENEDICTINE OR CLUNIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded in the latter end of the reign of King Stephen or the beginning of Henry II., by Peter de Ardington. At the dissolution Mr. Arthington was called the Founder.

¹ Arden Priory came after to the family of Tancred. Ralph Tancred is called of Arden in the Visitation of 1584. He was son of William Tancred of Boroughbridge. From him descended a long line, possessors of the Priory till quite recently, when it has been sold to Hon. William Saville. (See the pedigree of Tancred in Foster's "Yorkshire Families.")

² In the parish of Adel, wapentake of Skyrack, seven miles from Leeds. There is a description of the buildings in "Twelve small Yorkshire Priors," where it is called a Clunian nunnery, by William Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 211). An interesting building, now a farmhouse, is on the site.

POSSESSIONS.—The Church of Maltby.

VALUATION.—11*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., 16.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

EXEMPTION FROM SUPPRESSION.—11 Mar., 29 Hen. VIII. (1537-8).

Elizabeth Hall to be prioress. (Calendar, xiii., 242.)

SURVEY OF RENTAL.—26 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

Site with orchard, gardens, etc., is worth 5*s.* Total value of the demesne lands, 108*s.* 4*d.* (Paper Surveys, No. 401.)

26 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER by Eliz. Halle, Prioress, and the convent of the monastery of Ardyngton and all its possessions. Acknowledged same day before Ric. Layton, one of the Clerks of Chancery.

PENSIONS assigned. Eliz. Hall, Prioress, 5*l.*, Eliz. Moore 33*s.* 4*d.*, Eliz. Vavasour, Kath. Cokyll, Janet Tompson, Eliz. Wormewall, Agnes Pettye, Dorothy Porter, Effam Ratclyff, Isabel Whytehed, and Joan Hayles, 26*s.* 8*d.* each. Signed by Hendle Legh, Bellasys, and Watkyens, commissioners. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 357.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 (1541) to Mich. 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

He answers for 21*l.* 2*s.* received from Henry Mason, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said priory, for this year.

He credits himself with payment of annuities of 26*s.* 8*d.* to Leonard Bekwith, Esq., 20*s.* to John Riddyall, and 26*s.* 8*d.* to Robert Arthyngton and his brother Laurence, with pensions to the nuns, and with 33*s.* 4*d.* to Margaret Wormewell for a corrody. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

6 March, 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

LEASE to Peter Johnson of Arthington, yeoman, of the house and site of the nuns of Arthington, lately dissolved, with lands, etc., for 21 years, at the rent of 108*s.* 4*d.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 212, p. 93.)

7 June, 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

GRANT of the site and its demesnes to Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, in exchange.¹ (Calendar, xvii., 256.)

20 March, 1 Edward VI. (1547).

GRANT to Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, of the site of the Priory and sundry lands in the parish of Arthington. Rent to the crown 12s. (Calendar of Deeds, Edward VI., 2.)

The Estate was sold to Robert Mitchell² of Arthington Grange, whose descendant Sarah Mitchell married in 1668 Thomas Fawkes, Esq., M.P., in whose family it remained till its sale by Walter Fawkes, Esq., to Lord Harewood, the present owner.

BASEDALE.³ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Ralph de Nevile at Hoton, then removed to Thorpe, afterwards to Nunthorp, but in the latter part of Henry II. settled at Basedale.

VALUATION.—20*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., 87.)

In the SUPPRESSION LIST as under 200*l.*

24 Aug., 31 Hen. VIII. (1539).

RENTAL, SURVEY OF.—Site, with orchard, garden, etc., is worth 32*s.* 4*d.*

Total of demesne lands, 66*s.* 8*d.*

Rent of messuage or grange called "The Nunnehouse" in Nunnethorp, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* (Paper Surveys, No. 401.)

SURRENDER.—24 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539), when there were 9 nuns and a prioress.

¹ The amount of the money to be paid for the purchase is said to have been 429*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, but whether this sum is solely for the nunnery does not seem quite certain, as he had other grants in Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, and Kent.

² We have not the exact date of the sale, or if it was from Thomas Cranmer the Archbishop's son or from the Crown. Robert Mitchell, however, was in possession in 1614.

³ In the parish of Westerdale, 11 miles from Stokesley. The buildings have been converted into farmholds. There is a description of them in "Twelve small Yorkshire Priors," by William Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 327).

16 March, 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

PENSIONS.—Elizabeth Rowghton, Prioress, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, Alice Stable 26*s.* 8*d.*, Eliz. Couper, Marg^t Couper, Agnes Nellis, Agnes Addeson, Barbara Bromeley, Agnes Turtylby, and Joan Fletcher, nuns, 20*s.* each. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 267.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 (1541) to Mich. 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

He answers for 26*l.* 11*s.* received from Thomas Yoward, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late priory, for this year.

He credits himself with an annuity of 4*l.* (not to be allowed hereafter) to James Dukke, chaplain. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

26 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

LEASE to William Snowball of the Household, of the house and site of the Priory of Basedale, lately dissolved, and lands in Nunthorp, parish of Ayton, for 21 years at the rent of 66*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 15.)

20 Nov., 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

GRANT in fee for 538*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* to Sir Ralph Bulmer, jun.,¹ and John Thynne of the reversion of the house and site leased to William Snowball; also the house and site of the priory and lands which were in the Prioress's own hands. (Calendar, xix., 11, 413.)

¹ According to "Glover's Visitation," Sir Ralph Bulmer would be son of Sir John Bulmer who was executed for his share in the Pilgrimage of Grace. Sir Ralph, however, was restored in blood and had eight daughters, of whom Joan married, first, Francis Cholmley, secondly, Francis Hildesley; Frances married Marmaduke Constable of Cliffe; Millicent married Thomas Grey of Barton. There were also Dorothea, Brigetta, Barbara, Mary, Anne.

The eight daughters and coheiresses held it in 6th Philip and Mary. After divers grants and alienations it became the property of the Fotherleys of Castleton, and about 1729 was purchased by Ann, daughter of William Pierson, Esq., of the Middle Temple, but dying unmarried her brother Bradshaw Pierson, Esq., succeeded to her estate. (Graves' "Cleveland," 268.) It seems uncertain if Graves is perfectly correct, as the Yoward family appear to have been connected with Basedale. In 6 Eliz. (1564) there is a fine between Robert Yoward, gent., and Ralph his son, plaintiffs, and Thomas Grey, Esq., and Melucina his wife, of moiety of lands and water-mill in Basedale, and in 1582-3 another between Ralph Yoward, gent., and Francis Cholmley, Esq., and Johanna his wife, and Anthony Welburye, gent., and Ann his wife, of part of messuages and mill in Basedale and Westerdale (Yorks Inquisitions, Rec. Ser.). However, it passed into the hands of the Pierson family, and after by purchase to the Russells of Brancepeth. By marriage it has descended to Viscount Boyne, the present owner.

COVERHAM.¹ PREMONSTRATENSIAN ABBEY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Helewisia, daughter and heiress of Ranulph de Glanville, lord chief Justice of England, founded an abbey in the reign of Henry II. at Swainby in the parish of Pickhall. But in the 14th of John it was removed by her son Ralph Fitz Robert, lord of Middleham, to Coverham, he being buried there.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Coverham given by Ralph, lord of Middleham; of Downholme given by the Lord Scrope; half Kettlewell by the Lords Grey of Rotherfield, and Sedbergh by Sir Ralph le Scrope.

VALUATION.—160*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., 243.)

PENSION.—Christopher Roxby or Raper 24*l.*, the last abbot. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 232, p. 34.)

SURVEY OF RENTAL.—Site with “le fermery garth” is worth 4*s.* Total value of the demesne lands, 13*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*

ACCOUNT of William Blytheman, the King’s Receiver in the Archdeaconry of Richmond, from 4 Feb., 27 Henry VIII. (1535-6), to Michaelmas, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

He answers for 980*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* for goods sold, etc., viz., 27 oxen, 78 cows, and other stock, corn and old hay, sold by the commissioners to Sir Arthur Darcy, Knight; sheep on the pasture of Bellerby, sold to Ralph Rokeby and Rowland Pudsey; 33 stones of wool, tithes of the Rectory of Kettillwell; live stock and grain sold to Launcelot Marton, William Riche, John Warde of Meddeham, and Sir William Malory, Knight; 236 stones of wool from Sedbergh Rectory, sold to Marmaduke Wyvell, Esquire; 6*l.* for lambs from the same, sold to James Rokeby; 19*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* for divers church ornaments and furniture of the chambers there and of other houses, sold by retail to divers persons; 36*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, the estimated value of the ornaments in the vestry and choir, remaining in the King’s hands

¹ In the Wapentake of Hang West, two miles from Middleham.

reserved to his use; 156*l.* 2*s.*, the estimated value of 781 oz. of silver plate, and 3 oz. of gold reserved in like manner; 403*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for 121 fother of lead obtained in pulling down the said late monastery, with 3 fother in the ashes; 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the value of 6 bells there, weighing 2000 lbs. For old timber and other stuff obtained in pulling down the buildings, besides that used in firing and milling the lead, 8*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

He has recovered 22*l.* 18*s.* in debts due from Ralph Wither, Thomas Newell of Massam, Michael Metkalf, Bryan Whithow, and John Masson, chaplain, late Vicar of Sedbergh.

In issues of lands, etc., for the 28th year 105*l.* 13*s.* 3½*d.*, and for the 29th year 179*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, including farms and rents of a tenement in Bellerby from Ralph Rokeby, the rectory of Ketillwell from Launcelet Marton, the rectory of Sedbergh from Marmaduke Wyvell, the rectory of Downham from Christopher Lasselles, the rectory of Seeham from Robert Bowes, Esq., and the rectory of Coverham from Leonard Bekeweth. (Minister's Account, 7467.)

8 Oct., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Christopher Lasselys of Brakenburgh, armiger, of the site of the Monastery of Coverham for 21 years at the rent of 13*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 71.)

10 June, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

LEASE to Leonard Beckwyth of the Rectory of Coverham for 21 years at the rent of 20*l.*, and to Marmaduke Wyvell of Little Burton of the Rectory of Sedbergh at the rent of 50*l.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 90b.)

16 March, 32 Henry VIII. (1540-1).

LEASE to Robert Darknall of the household of the King, the Rectory of Downham, belonging to Coverham, for 21 years at the rent of 14*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 213, p. 47b.)

26 March, 30 Henry VIII. (1539).

LEASE to Ralph Rokeby of Lands in Bellerby belonging to the late Monastery of Coverham, for 21 years at the rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 211, p. 60.)

30 May, 3 P. and 4 M. (1557).

GRANT to Humphrey Orme,¹ gen., and Cecilia his wife, the site of the Monastery of Coverham, to be held of the Queen *in capite*. (Palmer's Index, p. 139.)

31 July, 4 P. and 5 M. (1557).

GRANT to Thomas Loftehouse and John Beck of Lands in Swyneshead, Melmerby Carleton, belonging to Coverham. (Palmer's Index, p. 140.)

16 June, 4 Elizabeth (1562).

GRANT to Thomas Allen and Thomas Freeman of the Rectory Church of Coverham, in the tenure of John Warde, gen., late Abbot of Coverham. (Palmer's Index, p. 185.)

5 Eliz. (1563).

FINE.—Ralph Crofte and Ann his wife, Plaintiffs, and Humphrey Orme and Cecilia his wife, Deforciantes; 2 messuages and a water-mill with lands and free fishing in the water of the Cover in Coverham, etc. (Yorks, Rec. Ser., i., 278.)

DRAX.² AUGUSTIN PRIORY.

Dedicated to St. Nicholas.

Founded by William Paganel in the time of Henry I.

POSSESSIONS.—Wressle, Bingley, and Drax Churches.

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—104*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*

SURRENDER.—1536.

¹ 13 May 1557. Valuation by me Antho. Rowe, Auditor, rated for Humphrey Orme: "The clere yerly value of the premisses xiiij^l xix^s x^d, which rated at xxx^{ti} yerles purchase amountethe to cccc^l xix^s. The mony to be paid before the xxvj of May 1557. The King and Quenes Majesties to discharge the purchaser of all fees and reprises goyng out of the premisses. The purchaser to have the issues from the fest of the Annuncyacon of our Lady last past. The purchaser to be bound in a thousand poundes for the woodes. The leade and belles and the adwoson to be except." Will^m Petre, Frances Inglefeld, John Bakers. (Harl. MS. 606.)

² In the Wapentake of Barkston Ash, five miles from Snaith. It is now only identified by a farm house. (Lawton.)

PENSION.—William Emson, Prior, 18*l.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 33.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1535), to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 49*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.* of the issues of the Priory due at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Richard Brelby, collector of the rents there. Also with 59*l.* 17*s.* 8½*d.* due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Sir William Empson, late Prior there. Also with 8*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* received by Sir John Scolaye as Rector of the Rectory of Byngeley, appropriate to this late Priory. Also with 9*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* due from Sir Marmaduke Constable, the elder, knight, farmer of the scite of the late Priory, with the demesne lands, and not paid. Also with 13*l.* 17*s.* 10½*d.* received from the said Richard Brelby of the issues of his office this year. Total, 141*l.* 6*s.*

And he charges himself with 12*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory subscribed by the said William Emson, late Prior there. Also with 93*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses. Also with 20*l.*, the price of 6 bells hanging in the belfry there. Also with 4*l.* 2*s.* for the grain in the granary there at the time of the survey, expended by the said Prior. And with 26*s.*, the price of sundry beasts, expended by the Prior between the survey and the suppression, viz., 15 sheep 15*s.*, 1 pig 12*d.*, 2 young cattle 10*s.* Also with 35*s.* 0½*d.* for sundry things sold by the Prior and expended in his inn, not charged in the inventory, viz., 1 horse 20*s.*, and the hides and pelts of the cattle and sheep expended there 15*s.* 0½*d.* Also with 76*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*, the value of the rest of the goods according to the said inventory, sold by the Commissioners to Sir Marmaduke Constable the elder, knight, farmer, of the site of the Priory, with the demesne lands, with 100*s.* increase. Total, 210*l.* 3*s.* 1½*d.*, with 6*l.* 15*s.* 0½*d.* increase.

20 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE of the site of Drax Priory surrendered to Sir Marmaduke Constable, knight, for 21 years at the rent of 8*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 96.)

20 May, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

LEASE to Wm. Babthorpe of Osgodby of the Rectory of Drax for 21 years at the rent of 22*l.* 12*s.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 85.)

... , 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

LEASE to John and Simon Scoley of the Rectory of Bingley. (Augmentation Books, vol. 210, p. 4.)

22 July, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT in fee to Sir Marmaduke Constable, sen., of Everingham, for 200*l.* of the house and site of the dissolved Priory of Draxe, the Church, steeple, churchyard, lands in Draxe, the fishery of New Hey now in the tenure of Robt. Okes and Margaret his wife, and the passage of the water of the Ouse in New Hey now in the tenure of Wm. Rycroft, in as full manner as Wm. Emson, the late Prior, held them. Clear annual value 21*l.*, rent of 42*s.* as tenth. (Calendar, xiii., 569.) (Pat., p. 3, m. 12.)

8 Dec., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT to Ric. Wykynson of Bradford, Lands in Bingley, Presthorp, and Mykylthwayte, which belonged to Drax. (Calendar, xvi., 174.)

19 April, 34 Henry VIII. (1543).

LEASE to Anthony Dunwyche of London, merchant, of the Rectory of Wresyll, late belonging to the Prior of Drax, for 21 years at the rent of 10*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 215, p. 63b.)

31 Aug., 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

GRANT to Wm. Babthorpe, the lordship and manor of Newhey, which belonged to Drax Priory, and all possessions there. (Calendar, xvi., p. 60.)

ST. AGATHA, EASBY.¹ PREMONSTRATENSIAN.

Dedicated to St. Agatha.

Founded by Roald, Constable of Richmond Castle, about 1152. His estates passed to the Scopes, who were great donors to the Abbey, many of that family being buried there.

At the Dissolution Lord Scrope was considered the founder.

¹ One mile from Richmond, on the left bank of the river Swale. The ruins were excavated by W. St. John Hope, M.A., in 1886, and an account of the buildings was written by him and printed in the "Yorkshire Archæological Journal," vol. x., p. 117.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Easby, Stanwix, and Manfield.

VALUATION.—111*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 237.)

SURRENDER.—1536.

PENSION.—Robert Bampton, Prior, 40 marks. (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 30.)

SURVEY.—Site, with demesne lands, occupied by the monastery, 17*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Total value, with granges of Wathecoote, Huddeswell and Watewath, and Langmores, lordships or townships of Easeby, Bronton, Skebye, etc., 246*l.* 6*s.* 5½*d.*

The spiritualities include rectorial tithes of Manfelde, Stanwikes (with Chapel or Church of St. Cuthbert of Barton and Chapel of Cleisbye), and Easeby, 37*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Total, 283*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*

Rents, etc., paid, 6*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Pensions, salaries, synodals, 53*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*

Fees of stewards and bailiffs, 66*s.* 8*d.*

Total of the reprises, 63*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

Clear annual value, 220*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* (Paper Surveys, No. 401.)

ACCOUNT of William Blytheman, the King's Receiver in the Archdeaconry of Richmond, from 4 Feb., 27 Henry VIII. (1535-6), to Michaelmas, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

He charges himself with 910*l.* 16*s.* received for goods sold, viz., 23 oxen and a heifer sold by the late abbot from the store at Kyplyng; stocks of grain sold to Lord Scroope; 6 bulls, 56 cows, and other stock sold to him; 19*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* for the utensils and furniture in the hall, chambers, melting-house, brewing and malt house, and kitchen, with all the cloth of linen and wool, sold to Lord Scroope; 28 horses and foals of divers ages sold to Robert Akeryg, Chaplain there; 22*l.* 4*s.* for vestments and ornaments found in the vestry; 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the estimated value of the bells; 520*l.*, the estimated value of 302 pieces of lead, *i.e.*, 151 fother, and 5 fother in the ashing in milling the same, arising from the pulling down of the said Abbey and Church, with other houses there, remaining at York, and there reserved for repairs, except one fother in "Cez Welbez"; 74*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, the estimated value of 448 oz. of silver plate, remaining to the King's use; 10*l.* for 74 stones of wool, etc.

For materials derived from the pulling down of the building, exclusive of the timber used in milling the lead, 6*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

In debts due to the monastery 64*l.* 8*s.* for the 28th year, and in issues of lands, etc., 160*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for the 28th year, and 218*l.* 4*s.* 10½*d.* for the 29th year, including sums due from Robert Collinson, the price of wood sold to Ralph Gower of Rechemond; 46*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from the executors of the wills of Sir William Bulmer, knight, and Elizabeth Ashe, widow, remaining out of legacies of 100 marks, to have services in the Church of Eisby, besides 20*l.* paid by the said Sir William himself; rents from Lord Scrope in Garresdale, and for the farms of the rectories of Manfeld, Stanwyk, Easby, Kelyng, Sadington, and Barford. Sum total, 1360*l.* 6*s.* 8½*d.*

10 Dec., 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

LEASE to John, Lord Scrope, of St. Agatha's Monastery, except the Rectories of Manfield, Stanwykes, and tithes. (Calendar, xiii., 588.)

2 May, 1 Edward VI. (1547).

GRANT to Edmund Boughtell, after the expiration of Lord Scrope's lease, the site and lands at an annual rent of 19*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

8 Nov., 1 Mary (1554).

GRANT to Henry Sidney of Wathcote, grange belonging to St. Agatha. (Palmer's "Index," p. 126.)

16 Dec., 4 and 5 P. and M. (1557).

GRANT to Henry, Lord Scrope, and Henry Tirrell, gent., of lands in Kipling belonging to St. Agatha. (Palmer's "Index," p. 147.)

5 Dec., 4 and 5 P. and M. (1557-8).

GRANT of the site, etc., of St. Agatha's to Ralph Gower,¹ generosus. (Palmer's "Index," p. 145.)

Ralph Gower, dying in 1567, bequeathed the same to his

¹ 3 July 1557. Site of the monastery let to John, Lord Scrope, for 30 years 10 Dec., 29 Hen. VIII., and reversion to Edmund Boughtell for 21 years after. The most part of the possessions of St. Agatha's is very good profitable land and lieth about the town of Richmond. Clear value 19*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, and rated at 34 years' purchase amounting to 660*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid before 16 July. Town of Skeby rated to Gower, 8*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* at 34 years, amounting to 293*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* (Harl. MS. 607, 36.)

son John Gower, who, being attainted for high treason in 1569 for being concerned in the Rising of the North, had all his estates confiscated to the Crown. (Clarkson's "Richmond.")

10 March, 14 Elizabeth (1571-2).

GRANT of the above to John Stanhope, ar., Richard Hughes and heirs of John. (Palmer's "Index," p. 215.)

21 Elizabeth (1578-9).

GRANT of the above to Henry Scrope,¹ brother of Thomas, Lord Scrope.

EGGLESTON.² PREMONSTRATENSIAN ABBEY.

Dedicated to St. Mary and St. John Baptist.

One account states that it was founded by Conan, Earl of Richmond; another that Ralph de Multon was the founder in the latter part of Henry I. or beginning of Richard I.

At the Dissolution Lord Dacre, who represented the Lords Multon, was considered the founder.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Rokeby,³ Great Ouseburn,⁴ Startforth.⁵

VALUATION.—36*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 236.)

30 Jan., 28 Henry VIII. (1536-7).

Premonstratensian Abbey of St. John the Baptist in the Archdeaconry of Richmond, exemption from Suppression. Th. Dranton, Abbot. (Calendar, xii., 1, 143.)

¹ He died 5 Sept., 1625, and left the same to his son Emanuel, Earl of Sunderland. He bequeathed the property to his natural daughter Annabella, who had been granted the precedence of an Earl's daughter. Lady Annabella married John Grubham Howe of co. Gloucester. Their grandson, 2nd Viscount Howe, sold the manors, etc., to William Burton of Luffenham, co. Rutland. They seem to have been divided and partly sold, but Rev. William Smith bought the manor and abbey of Easby and built the present mansion. Thomas Smith, in 1775, bequeathed them to his natural son Thomas Smith *als.* King, who sold them in 1780 to Robert Knowsley of Wighill Park for £15,000. He sold them in 1788 to Cuthbert Johnson, and that family again parted with them in 1810 to Robert Jaques, Esq., for £45,000, in whose family they remain. (Clarkson's "Richmond.")

² In the Wapentake of Gilling West, parish of Rokeby. There is a long account of the Abbey, by Rev. J. E. Hodgson, in the "Yorks Arch. Journal," vol. xviii., p. 129.

³ At the Dissolution the patronage came to the Crown.

⁴ Came to the Crown. Present patron, Mrs. Scolfield.

⁵ Patron, the Earl of Lonsdale. (Ripon Calendar.)

5 Jan., 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

SURRENDER (by Thomas, Abbot of Egleston, in co. Richmond, and the convent) of the Monastery and its possessions in cos. Richmond, York, and Durham. Acknowledged same day before Ric. Layton, one of the clerks of Chancery.

PENSIONS.—Thos. Shepard, Abbot, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Robt. Redshawe, sub-prior, 4*l.*; Hen. Clacton, Wm. Mason, Wm. Wrighte, Thos. Hildereth, Ralph Cootes, and Thos. Eggleston, priests, 40*s.* each; John Clappam, sub-deacon, 26*s.* 8*d.* Signed by Hendle, Legh, Belassys, and Warkyns. (Calendar, xv., 28.)

SURVEY made 5 Jan., 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).—Site of the houses within the walls, containing 2 acres with the out orchard there to the mill, is worth 10*s.*

Value of the demesne lands, with a water corn-mill, 21*l.* 2*s.*

Two corn-mills under one roof at Stratford, 40*s.*, and at Barnardcastell, 6*s.* 8*d.*—2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Tithes of Stratforthe and Argyllgarthedale (letten), 6*l.* Total value, 29*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* (Paper Surveys, No. 401.)

28 Feb., 32 Henry VIII. (1540-1).

LEASE to Alan Kynge of London of lands in Egleston and tithes of Arkelgarthdale Rectory belonging to Egleston. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 213, p. 21b.)

24 May, 2 Edward VI. (1548).

SALE to Robert Strelley of the site of the Monastery of Egleston, with sundry premises, the parsonages and advowsons of the vicarage of Startforth and Arkelgarthdale, and sundry mills. (Calendar of Deeds, Edward VI., 2, 68, 186a.)

3 Aug., 3 P. and 4 M. (1556).

GRANT to Fredeswide Strelley,¹ vid. and heirs, the house and site of the Monastery of Egleston in the Archdeaconry of Richmond. (Palmer's "Index," p. 138.)

¹ After the death of the Strelleys Egleston is said to have come to Robert Strelley's nephews, children of his sister Elizabeth, wife of George Savile ("Yorks Arch. Journal," xviii., 175). He may perhaps be the George Savile of Grantham who heads the pedigree in the "Visitation of Lincolnshire" (Harleian Soc., vol. lii., 860). According to the fines it passed through members of several lines of Savile. Afterwards the property got into many hands, and in 1770 was sold by Sir Thomas Robinson, Bart., to John Morritt, from whom it has descended to the present owner of the same name.

5 Eliz. (1562-3).

FINE.—William Saville, Plaintiff, and Robt. Strelley, Jeffrey Wayse, Giles Porter, Ric. Porter, Wm. Porter, and John Saville, Deforciants, manor of Eggleston, tithes, advowsons of churches of Arclegarthdale and Stratforde. (Yorks Rec. Ser., i., 274.)

5 Eliz. (1563).

FINE.—John Savyle, Plaintiff, and William Savyle, Deforciant, manor of Eggleston, mills, advowsons (as above). (Yorks Rec. Ser., i., 278.)

22 Eliz. (1580).

FINE.—John Savile, Esq., Plaintiff, and Edward Savile and Katherine his wife, manor of Egglestone, mills, advowsons (as above). (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 151.)

23 Eliz. (1581).

FINE.—Robert Savile and Michael Pearson, Plaintiffs, John Savile, Esq., Edward Savile, gent., and Katherine his wife, and Henry Savile and Ann his wife, manor of Egglestone, mills, advowsons (as above). (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 164.)

28 Eliz. (1586).

FINE.—Henry Savile, gent., Plaintiff, and Edward Savile, gent., and Katherine his wife, Deforciants, 40*l.* rent out of Eggleston, Stratford, and Arkyngarthdale. (Yorks Rec. Ser., iii., 55.)

39 Eliz. (1597).

FINE.—Richard Smyth, Doc. Med., Plaintiff, and Henry Savile and Ann his wife, Deforciants, manor of Egglestone, mills, lands, rectories of Stratforde and Arkilgarthdale, with advowsons of the vicarages. (Yorks Rec. Ser., iv., 74.)

44 and 45 Eliz. (1602).

FINE.—Peter Broughton, gent., Plaintiff, and Paul Smythe, gent., Deforciant, manor of Egglestone, mills, rectories, and advowsons.

ELLERTON ON SPALDING MOOR.¹ GILBERTINE PRIORY.

Dedicated to the Virgin and St. Lawrence.

Founded 1221 as a Priory of Canons of the Order of Sempringham or St. Gilbert.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Ellerton, Aughton, East Cottingwith.

VALUATION.—62*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 128.)

SURVEY.—Site, with orchards and two small gardens, 8*s.* 8*d.*

Total value of the demesne lands, including a tenement called "Woodhouse," 13*l.* 6*s.*

Rents in divers townships, 8*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

Total value, 22*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*

Rents resolute, 4*s.* 8*d.*

Clear yearly value, 21*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*

A second Survey (11 Dec., 30 Henry VIII.) values the site at 10*s.*, and records a fishery in the Darwent worth 12*d.*

Total (with farms of tithes of North banke in Aughton, of Ellerton and Estcottingwith), 27*l.* 8*d.* (Paper Surveys, p. 401.)

SURRENDER.—11 Dec., 30 Henry VIII. (1538). Signed by the Prior and Convent.

PENSIONS.—8 Apr., 1539. John Goldyng, Prior, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, Roger Dow, Richard Symson, Robert Mychylson, William Spens, priests, 4*l.* each. (Augmentation Books, vol. 233, p. 112.)

ACCOUNT of the said William Blitheman upon the dissolution, 11 Dec., 30 Henry VIII., made there.

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

Sale of Goods	}	He answers for 69 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> received by him for
and chattels.		divers vestments found there, to wit, one suit
	}	of "Blod" velvett 40 <i>s.</i> ; one tunicle of white
		and red say 2 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> ; 1 suit of "livid" velvet, old, and 1 suit
		of green "Bawdekyng Counterfet," sold to John Horseley,

¹ In Holme division of Harthill, eight and a half miles from Pocklington.

26s. 8d., the whole being 69s. 8d. as above; and for 20s. the price of 1 "fetherbed," 2 "Mattressez," 2 "blankettes," 3 "Coverynges," 1 "Bolster," 1 "pillow," 1 "teister" of old dornyx, and other furnishings of the chamber of the late prior, sold to John Herbert; and 8s. for the furnishings of the lower chamber there, sold to the said John; and 10s. for the furnishings of the chambers called "Highe Chambre," sold as above; and 12d. for 1 old "Matteresse" and 1 coverlet there; and 13s. 8d. for the kitchen utensils; and 20d. for the utensils in the promptuary; and 30s. for the utensils in the brew-house; and 66s. 8d. for divers "Stampez" or "Mowez" of grain, remaining in sheaf in the granaries; and 16s. for a "stampe" of peas found in the barns there; and 20s. for a "stampe" of oats and 43s. 4d. for 6½ quarters of *siligo*; and 6s. 8d. for a quarter of wheat; and 22s. for 6 quarters of oats; and 14s. for 6 quarters of oat malt; and 4s. for 1½ quarters of barley malt; and 13s. 4d. for hay in the grange; and 18s. 8d. for hay in the "Oxehowse Barne"; and 6s. 8d. for 3 old waggons, with the "teymez" and other appurtenances; and 20s. for one cistern and other vessels in the melting-house (*domo ustrina*); and 4l. 16s. for oxen found there, at 12s. a head; and 56s. for 7 cows; and 48s. for eight beasts of various ages; and 10s. for 3 two-year-olds; and 65s. for 5 heifers, 4 "stagges," and 2 mill-horses; and 13s. 4d. for pigs and sucking-pigs; and 64s. for 16 acres of land sown with corn; and 40s. for 1 "horsmyll," all sold to the said John Herbert. Total, 39l. 17s. 8d.

Sale of lead and bells. } He does not answer for the price of 2 fotheres of lead estimated to be on the roofs of the houses there, because it remains reserved to the King till his pleasure be known; nor for any bells, because the Church there forms the Parish Church.

Sale of Jewels. } Nor for the price of 1 chalice weighing 9 oz., because it is reserved among the others, and delivered to the Master of the King's Jewelhouse. Total of the Receipts, 39l. 17s.

Whereof he accounts in payments to John Goldyng, late Prior there, 100s., Roger Dewe, Richard Symeson, Robert Michelson, and William Spencer 26s. 8d. apiece, by the King's grace, in all 10l. 6s. 8d. And in rewards to divers servants there, to wit, to Charles Poole, Robert Wyld, Richard Daye, Ralph Duffeld, and Robert Clarke, 4s. each; to William Ramesey 2s. 6d.; George Kyrke 3s.; Henry Killington 2s. 6d.; John Dewre 3s. 4d.; the kitchen boys 2s.; Simon Johnes,

John Brighame, and Agnes Cowper, 20*d.* each; Robert Williamson 2*s.*; Reginald Speke 3*s.*; John Wald 3*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Bonobye, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Roger Hunt and Henry Hude, 2*s.* 6*d.* each; Peter Rede 3*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Cooke 12*d.*; a poor man 8*d.*; John Ustwhaitt 20*d.*; Margaret Leche 3*s.* 4*d.*; Isabell Thomeson 3*s.* 4*d.*; and to Isabell Hall 3*s.* 4*d.*—in all 73*s.* 4*d.* Total, 14*l.* (Minister's Accounts, No. 7452.)

9 March, 31 Henry VIII. (1540).

LEASE to John Herbert of Ellerton, gen., of the house and site of the Priory of Ellerton, lately dissolved, with Ryddying Grange and Rectories of Ellerton and East Cottingwith for 21 years at a rent of 27*l.* 8*s.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 70*b.*)

17 April, 31 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT to Sir Thomas Heneage and Katherine his wife of the grange called Ryddying Grange in Ellerton, belonging to the late Priory of Ellerton, and lands there, and a parcel of meadow called the "North Hyll," in the fields of West Cottingwith, in as full manner as the last Prior of Ellerton held the same. (Calendar, xv., 289.)

1 April, 33 Henry VIII. (1542).

GRANT to John Aske¹ of Aughton, Yorks (in exchange for manors in Sussex), of the late Priory of Ellerton, lands in the parishes of Ellerton and Aughton, the fishery in the water of Derwent and other lands there, and in Lathome, West Cottingwith, Thorganby, Holme, Goodmadam and Huggate, and in the City of York, which belonged to the Priory. (Calendar, xvii., 283.)

34 Eliz. (1592).

FINE.—George Sayntpoole, Kt., and Martin Brighouse, Esq., Plaintiff, and John Aske, Esq., Deforciant, manor of Ellerton. (Yorks Rec. Ser., iii., 177.)

¹ There is a pedigree of Aske in "Glover's Visitation." It would seem that John Aske was a brother of Robert Aske, the unfortunate leader of the "Pilgrimage of Grace," who was executed. His great-grandson is said to have sold away all his lands. It then probably came into the hands of the Bethell family, who continued for some generations. Hugh Bethell, Esq., died in 1747, leaving his estates to his nephew Sir William Codrington, who assumed the name of Bethell. In 1840 Sir Christopher Codrington Bethell was the owner.

38 and 39 Eliz. (1596).

FINE.—John Robinson, senr., Plaintiff, and John Aske, Esq., Deforciant, manor of Dighton and the site of the late priories of Thykhed, and lands and free fishing in the Derwent. (Yorks Rec. Ser., iv., 57.)

41 Eliz. (1599).

FINE.—Hugh Bethell, Esq., Plaintiff, and Thomas Knevit, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, Deforciants, manor of Ellerton. (Yorks Rec. Ser., iv., 125.)

ELLERTON ON SWALE.¹ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Said to have been founded by Warnerius, the dapifer to the Earl of Richmond in the reign of Henry II.

VALUATION.—15*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 244.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

SURRENDER.—By Johanna, last Prioress.

ACCOUNT of William Blytheman, the King's Receiver in the Archdeaconry of Richmond, from 4 Feb., 27 Henry VIII. (1535-6), to Michaelmas, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

He answers for 150*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, the value of goods and chattels, viz., 6*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. of silver plate, remaining in the King's hands; 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the estimated value of 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ fother of lead derived from the pulling down of the said Priory, and 1 fother in the ashes at the burning and milling of the same lead; 40*s.*, the price of 4 small [? piii] [sic] bells, and 106*s.* 8*d.*, the price of stock, etc., consumed by the nuns. Also for 14*s.* 2*d.* for glass, timber, etc. (besides the timber used for melting the lead), obtained in pulling down the buildings.

In issues of lands, etc., for the 28th year 11*l.* 2*s.*, for the 29th year 21*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, including rent for the demesne lands

¹ In the parish of Catterick, on the south bank of the Swale. It is often confused with the Priory of Ellerton on Spalding Moor.

from Anne Cleisby, the farm of Woodehouse from Ralph Cleisby, and rents from divers other tenants. Sum total, 183*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* (Minister's Account, 7467.)

31 July, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

LEASE to Ralph Cleseby of the household of the King, gen., of the house and site of the late Priory of Ellerton in the Archdeaconry of Richmond for 21 years at the rent of 12*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 210, p. 39.)

31 July, 10 Elizabeth (1568).

GRANT to Percivall Bowes and John Moysier and their heirs, the house and site of the late Priory of Ellerton, with lands, etc., to be held *in capite*. (Palmer's "Index," p. 201.)

24 Elizabeth (1581-2).

TRANSFER to Gabriel Drax, in whose family it has continued to recent times.

ESHOLT.¹ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Mary and St. Leonard or St. James.

Founded by Galfred Haget and Simon Ward and Maud his wife and William their son.²

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as being under 200*l.*

VALUATION.—13*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 15.)

29 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURVEY.—Site, with 8 acres, is worth 20*s.* Total value of the lands in Essholte, Geisley, and Otley worth 14*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* (Paper Surveys, No. 401.)

29 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER.—By the Prioress and 10 nuns.

¹ In the parish of Guiseley, West Riding. A few pointed arches alone remain. There is a description of the buildings in "Small Yorkshire Priors," by W. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," vol. ix., p. 321).

² There is an account of the Ward family in Slater's "Guiseley."

PENSIONS.—Joan Jenkynson, Prioress, 6*l.*; Agnes Collyn, Joan Burton, Barbara Dogeson, Agnes Dogeson, Agnes Bayne, Eliz. Mandy, Agnes Woodd, and Joan Huson, 26*s.* 8*d.* each. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 349.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 33*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* received from Richard Derloue, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory, for this year. (Minister's Accounts, 4644.)

No date.

LEASE to William Knevett of the household of the King, the house and site of the late Priory of Esholt with lands there, and in Guiseley and Otley, for 21 years at the rent of 14*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 79.)

12 March, 36 Henry VIII (1544-5).

REQUEST by Henry Thompson to purchase the farm of the site of the Priory of Esholt with its demesnes. (9th Report of the Deputy Keeper.)

25 Aug., 1 Edward VI. (1547).

GRANT¹ to Henry Thompson, one of the King's gentlemen-at-arms at Boulogne, of the Priory of Esholt for 79*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* (Palmer's "Index," p. 87.)

NORTH FERRIBY.² AUGUSTIN PRIORY.

A Priory of Knights Templars founded by Eustace de Vesci, which, on the suppression of the Order, seems to have become an Augustin Priory.

VALUATION.—60*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 128.)

¹ Copy of the Grant in Slater's "Guiseley," p. 83. According to "Glover's Visitation" (Foster Edition, 300), he had by Elene Towneley a natural son William Thompson, who became of Esholt, whose great-grand-daughter Frances married Walter Calverley, Esq., of Calverley, and carried the estates into that family. Walter's son, Sir Walter, built the present house on the site of the nunnery. In 1755 it was sold to Robert Stansfeld of Bradford, ancestor of the present Miss Stansfeld, who has been compelled to hand it over to the Bradford Corporation for municipal purposes.

² Four and a half miles from South Cave; eight miles from Hull.

SURRENDER.—1536.

PENSION.—John Bawdewyne, 10*l*. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 232, p. 33*b*.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 27 Henry VIII. (1525) to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 13*l*. 12*s*., the price of “le plate” and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory signed by the said John Bawdewyn, late Prior. Also with 90*l*. for the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses there. Also with 20*s*. for two small bells hanging in the belfry there. Also with 26*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. for the grain in the granary at the time of the Survey, and expended by the Prior in his household before the dissolution. Also with 40*s*., viz., 26*s*. 8*d*. for 4 horses, 13*s*. 4*d*. for 1 waggon delivered there for the carriage of the King’s “le plate” and other goods this year, and afterwards stolen, as appears by the inventory. Also with 4*l*. 15*s*. for divers things expended by the Prior between the Survey and the Suppression, viz., 4 cows 36*s*., 1 bull 7*s*. 6*d*., 1 old horse 6*s*. 8*d*., 2 pigs 2*s*., 31 sheep 41*s*. 4*d*., other things 18*d*. Also with 8*l*. for 40 stones of wool, sold or expended by the Prior in the same time and not charged in the inventory. Also with 96*l*. 9*s*. 6*d*. for divers goods sold by the Commissioners to Sir William Fairfaxe, Knight, farmer, of the site of the priory, with the demesne lands, with 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. increase. Also with 4*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*. received from the accountant himself for 2 vestments with their appurtenances. Total, 247*l*. 6*s*. 6*d*., with 14*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. increase.

He charges himself with 60*l*. 16*s*. 9½*d*., the issues of the Priory at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Ambrose Bekwith, collector of the rents there. Also with 23*l*. 10*s*. 1*d*. due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Sir John Bawdewyn, late Prior there. Also with 17*l*. 4*s*. 11*d*. due from Sir William Fayrefax, Knight, farmer, of the site of the Priory, with the demesne lands, and of the Rectory of Northferyby, and not paid. Also with 20*l*. 12*s*. 0½*d*. received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 122*l*. 3*s*. 9½*d*.

20 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Sir Wm. Fairfax, Knight, of Ferriby Priory and of the Church of North Ferriby, of Styton (Steeton) for 21 years at the rent of 7*l*. 0*s*. 2*d*. (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 6.)

12 June, 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT in fee to Thomas Culpeper in consideration of his true and faithful services, of the reversion in the Lease, 20 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536), to Will. Fairfax of the site of the late Priory of Fereby in the county of the town of Kingston upon Hull, term 21 years, rent 7*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*¹ (Calendar, xv., 405.)

1 and 2 P. and M. (1553).

FINE.—William Fairfax, knt., and Thomas Mitton, Plaintiffs, and Arthur Darcy, knt., and Mary his wife, Deforciant, site and grange of the late priory of Fereby and lands.

9 Eliz. (1567).

FINE.—Francis Bakon, Plaintiff, Gabriel Fairfax,² Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, Deforciant, 2 parts of the site of the late priory of Fereby, and lands there and in Hessell and Swanland. (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 334.)

GROSMONT.³ ALIEN PRIORY.

In the beginning of the time of King John, Joan, daughter of William Fossard, wife of Robert de Turnham, gave a parcel of land in the forest of Egheton, since called Eskdale, to the abbot and convent of Grandimont in Normandy, who thereupon sent monks of their own order to settle here, when, by reason of the wars with France, the Kings of England bore hard upon these alien priories, the abbot of Grandimont got leave to sell the advowson in this cell to John Hewit *alias* Serjeant, and thereupon it seems to have become "prioratus indigana," and to have subsisted till the dissolution. (Burton's "Monasticon," 275.)

VALUATION.—12*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 86.)

¹ It came into the hands of the Lillingston family; part came to Alderman Ferris of Hull. (Tickell's "Hull," 882.)

² Son of Sir William Fairfax.

³ In the parish of Egton, wapentake of Langbarugh, on the banks of the Esk. There is a description of the buildings in "Twelve Small Yorkshire Priories," by W. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," vol. ix., p. 213).

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

SURVEY made 2 June, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).—The site worth 3*s.* 4*d.*; a watermill in decay, 5*s.*

Total farms of demesne lands, 113*s.* 6*d.*

Rents in Egton and herbage of woods, 51*s.* 2*d.* (Paper Surveys, No. 401.)

SURRENDER.—Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539). (Calendar, xvi., 30.)

4 Sept., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—James Richardson, Prior, 4*l.*; Edward Skelton, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; W. Alatson, 4*l.*; Robt. Holland and Laur. Birde, Canons, each 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 425.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 (1541) to Mich. 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

He answers for 24*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* received from Edmund Wright, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory, for this year. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

20 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

LEASE to Edmund Wrighte of Egton, arm., the house and site of the priory of Friars called Bonhommes of the order of St. Mary of Grandmonte, lately dissolved, with certain closes and a mill in Egton for 21 years at the rent of 6*l.* 5*s.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 18b.)

6 May, 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

REQUEST of Edmund Wright to purchase the farm of the site and demesne lands of the late Priory of Grandemonte. (Deputy Keeper's 10th Report.)

15 Feb., 35 Henry VIII. (1543-4).

GRANT in fee to Edmund Wright for 184*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* of the site, etc., of the late Priory of Grandemonte or Gromonte and all possessions of the Priory in Egton parish, viz., a watermill at Egton Brigge and lands and pastures in the forest called Egton Woode, which were in the Prior's lands, except leaden roofs and tenements in Egton parish. (Palmer's MS., 44; Calendar, xix., 1.)

4 Feb., 36 Henry VIII. (1544-5).

LICENCE to Edmund Wright to alienate the site of the Priory of Gromonte and a watermill, etc., in Egton parish to Sir R. Cholmeley.¹ (Calendar, xxi., 128.)

HALTEMPRICE.² AUGUSTIN PRIORY.

Dedicated to the honour of the Nativity of our blessed Saviour, the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Thomas, Lord Wake of Lyddel, on 26 June, 15 Edward II. (1322), obtained licence from the King and on 8 July from the Pope to build a monastery for the order of St. Augustin in his manor of Cottingham.³ But because a perpetual title could not be made to this site the monastery was removed to a hamlet called Newton, since called Haltemprice or Altaprisa.⁴

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Kirk Ella and Wharram Percy.

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—100*l.* os. 3*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 127.)

SURRENDER.—1536 or 1537, when there were a Prior and eleven or twelve canons.

PENSION.—Robert Colynson, Prior, 20*l.*

¹ It continued in the possession of the Cholmeley family till 1668, when it passed by purchase to Sir John D'Oyley, whose sister soon after marrying John Saunders, Esq., of Coatbank Lodge in Egton, now enjoys a considerable part of the demesnes, but the cell and lands adjoining became the property of Richard and Matthew Agar and Mr. John Linskill. (Graves' "Cleveland," p. 288.) Whether Mr. Graves is correct in assuming that it belonged to the Cholmeley family till 1668 seems uncertain. There is a Fine 2 and 3 P. and M. between Henry Scrope, Esq., and Jas. Phyllyppe, gent., and Richard Cholmley, knt., and Cath. his wife, of the manor of Grossmont, messuages, cottages, and 2 water-mills.—J. W. C.

² In the parish of Cottingham, 4½ miles from Hull and Beverley. There are no remains of the Priory.

³ For the souls of his own and of Blanch his wife, daughter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, of John his father, and of Joan his mother. He died s.p. 31 May, 23 Edward III. (1349). ("Dugdale's "Baronage," p. 54i.)

⁴ Burton, Tanner,

SURVEY.—Michaelmas, 29 Henry VIII. (1537). Site with orchard, dovecot, etc., worth 20s.; total value of demesne lands, 18*l.* 14s. 9*d.*; farm of tithes in Elley, 15*l.* Total, 33*l.* 14s. 9*d.* (Paper Surveys, p. 401.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1535) to the same Feast, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

And he charges himself with £23 3*s.* 8*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory signed by the said Richard Collynson, late Prior there. Also with 60*l.* for the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses there. Also with 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for 4 bells hanging in the belfry there. Also with 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for grain in the granary at the time of the survey, and expended by the Prior in his household before the dissolution. Also with 7*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, the price of goods sold and expended as above, between the survey and suppression, viz., 2 horses 18*s.*, 12 heifers 52*s.*, 40 sheep 73*s.* 4*d.*, 9 pigs 6*s.*, other things 22*d.* Also with 9*s.*, the increase on the price of the sheep actually sold and expended by the Prior for 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* Also with 44*s.* received by the Prior, viz., for 15 hairy hides of young oxen 30*s.*, for 45 sheep's pelts 4*s.*, for 3 stones of wool 10*s.* Also with 76*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* for the rest of the goods specified in the inventory, sold by the commissioners to Sir Ralph Ellerker, the younger, knight, farmer of the site of the priory with the demesne lands. Total, 209*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*, with 53*s.* increase.

He charges himself with 103*l.* 2*s.* 6½*d.*, the issues of the Priory at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Christopher Wright, collector of the rents there. Also with 97*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Sir Robert Collynson, late Prior there. Also with 16*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* due from Sir Ralph Ellerker, the younger, knight, farmer of the site of the Priory with the demesne lands, and of the rectory of Elley, and not paid. And with 19*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 236*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

8 June, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

LEASE to Sir Ralph Ellerker, jun., of Rysby, of the house and site of the Priory of Haltemprice and the demesnes for 21 years at the rent of 33*l.* 14s. 9*d.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 210, p. 47.)

12 June, 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT in fee to Thomas Culpeper in consideration of his true and faithful service, of the reversions in the Crown lease, 8 June, 30 Henry VIII., to Sir Ralph Ellerker of Rysby, Yorks, of the house and site of the late Priory of Haltamprice and divers lands in Haltamprice and Cotingham; term, 21 years; rent, 18*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* (Calendar, xv., 405.)

20 Nov., 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

REQUEST by Thomas Culpeper to purchase the farm of the site of the Priory of Haltemprice.¹ (9th Report of the Deputy Keeper.)

18 March, 36 Henry VIII. (1544-5).

GRANT to Sir Ralph Ellerker of the Rectory of Kirk-Elley² and sundry tithes. (Calendar, xx., 1.)

28 Dec., 1 P. and 2 M. (1554).

GRANT to Walter Jobson of lands in Cottingham, Willerby, Wolfreton, Anlaby, Kirk Ella, belonging to Haltemprice. (Palmer's "Index," p. 129.)

HAMPOLE.³ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by William de Clairfait and Avicia de Taini about 1170⁴ for 14 or 15 nuns.

¹ It afterwards appears to have been granted to the Ellerkers, in which family it continued. Roger Mainwaring Ellerker died leaving several sisters. Miss Harriet Mainwaring Ellerker seems to have been the owner in 1840. Her sister Arabella married the Earl of Onslow. In Overton's "History of Cottingham," 1862, the Hon. Colonel Onslow is named the proprietor. (See Oliver's "Beverley" and Poulson's "Holderness," i., 394.)

² The patronage of Kirk Ella passed from the Ellerkers in 1686 to the Bradshaws and in 1794 came to the Sykes family, Rev. J. Foord, Patron (York Calendar). That of Wharram Percy was in 1618 in the hands of Sir Thomas Hutton, and in 1668 Sir John Buck presented, in whose family it continued. In 1737 the two sisters and coheiresses of Sir Charles Buck presented. Lord Middleton is the present patron. (Lawton's "Collections.")

³ In the parish of Adwick-le-Street, six and three-quarter miles from Doncaster. There are still some remains of the Priory buildings converted into cottages. Four shields might lately be discovered with the following devices: 1, A fess between three escallops (Isabella Arthington, last Prioress); 2, Five fusils in fess, probably the heraldic distinction of the house of Hampole. (Hunter's "South Yorkshire," vol. i., p. 359.)

⁴ At least fourteen years earlier. (Hunter.)

POSSESSIONS.—The Churches of Adwick, Melton, and Marr.¹

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—63*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 44.)

11 March, 29 Henry VIII. (1537-8).

EXEMPTION from Suppression.—Isabella Arthyngton to be Prioress. (Calendar, xiii., 1, 242.)

19 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER (by Isabella Arthyngton, Prioress, and the Convent) of the Monastery and all its possessions. Acknowledged same day before Thos. Leigh, one of the clerks of Chancery.

PENSIONS.—Assigned same day. Isabel Arthyngton, Prioress, 10*l.*; Joan Gascon, sub-prioress, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Alice Alan, Joan Haryson, Kath. Stokes, Eliz. Wetherall, Joan Roclyff, Magdalen Walton, Agnes Frobysher, Isabel Lazyng, Marg. Thurland, Alice Pykhaver, Agnes Cutler, Kath. Tyas, Ellen Standiche, Agnes Horseman, Joan Pullane, Isabel Coxson, and Eliz. Arthyngton, 53*s.* 4*d.* to 40*s.* each. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 387.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 92*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* received from John Warde, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory, for this year.

He credits himself with payment of the annuity of 40*s.* of Leonard Bekwith, the *learned* Steward of all the manors of the Priory.

And with payment of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Robert Skott, Chaplain, Curate of the Church or Chapel of Marre (according to a deed under the Priory seal of 12 July 1522), and William Watson, Chaplain, Curate of the parish church of Melton. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

¹ Adwick Church was granted to the Saviles of Methley, F. S. H. Fullerton, Esq., present Patron. Marr Church followed with the manor to the Thellusons. The Queen had the presentation of Melton Church in 1571; it after came to the Fountaynes; F. J. O. Montagu, Esq., present Patron.

8 April, 1536. Sir John Nevile writes to Cromwell:—

“I understand that Sir Thomas Wyntworth, Knight Marshal, had a Grant from the King of the Priory of Ampall for his money. Be so good, master, to my son Gervase Clyfton, one of the King’s wards, whom I had of the King for one of my daughters, that he may have it for his money. His ancestors were the founders of that place.” (Calendar, x., 256.)

8 March, 32 Henry VIII. (1540-1).

LEASE granted to William FitzWilliam, gen., of the whole house and site of the late Priory of Hampall, lately dissolved, with lands and tithes there, and in Owston, for 21 years at a rent of 3*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 213, p. 42b.)

8 Nov., 6 Edward VI. (1552).

GRANT of the site and demesnes of the Priory to John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland¹; rent to the Crown, 49*s.* 3*d.* (Calendar of Deeds of Purchase, Edward VI., 105.)

10 July, 5 Elizabeth (1563).

GRANT to Robert Hichcock, ar., and John Gifford, gen., of lands in Melton and the Church of Marr belonging to Hampall. (Palmer’s “Index,” p. 186.)

CHARTER HOUSE, HULL. CARTHUSIAN PRIORY.

Dedicated to St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sir William de la Pole, knight banneret, intended to have built a hospital here, and afterwards resolved to found, instead of it, a house for nuns of the Order of St. Clare, but being

¹ The Duke was attainted. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth it was divided between Francis Holmes and James Washington. Holmes made it his residence. In 1666 the Stanhopes were residing there. Thomas Stanhope was a brother-in-law of James Washington, but may have been only a tenant. The Washingtons sold it to George, Earl of Kinnoul. It descended with Brodsworth to the trustees of Peter Thellusson, Esq. (Hunter’s “South Yorkshire,” vol. i., p. 359.)

prevented by death his son Michael de la Pole, afterward Earl of Suffolk and Lord Chancellor, founded without the north gate a Carthusian priory for thirteen monks, 2 Richard II. (1378).¹

VALUATION.—174*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

28 Aug., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

EXEMPTION.—Carthusian Priory of St. Michael near Hull to continue, notwithstanding the Act of 27 Henry VIII., with Ralph Malyvere, professus of the order, as Prior. (Calendar, xi., 157.)

9 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER by Ralph Malevery, Prior, and the convent of the monastery and all its possessions in Hull and elsewhere. Acknowledged same day before Thomas Leigh, one of the clerks in Chancery. (Calendar, xv., 11, 174.)

9 Dec., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—Ralph Malevourie, Prior, 50 marks; Robt. Hall, Adam Rede, Wm. Remyngton, Wm. Browne, Robt. Brewet, and Thos. Synderton, Priests, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each. Signed by Hendle, Legh, Bellasys, and Watkyns, Commissioners. (Calendar, xiv., 11, 242.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

Kingston on Hull.—He answers for 216*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* received from Edmund Pepper, collector of the rents and farins belonging to the said Priory, for this year.

He credits himself with payment of fees and annuities to John Wood, clerk of the court of Sculcotes and Remysworth; Richard Aiscough, gent.; William Bapthorpe, Esq.; Richard Smethley, Esq., and his son Anthony; Edmund Pepper, late servant there; Leonard Bekwith, Esq.; Joan Whelpedale, widow; Christopher Smyth, gentleman of the King's Exchequer; Christopher Wright, late servant there; William Robinson, Gilbert Robson, John Denys, Peter Hik, Bryan Rutter, and Richard Lyon, late servant there; amounting altogether to 28*l.*

¹ Tanner's "Notitia," 693. It is not mentioned in Burton's "Monasticon." There is a copy of the charter in Tickell's "Hull," 24.

Also with 36*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid in salary to John Holay, Vicar of Skulcotes; Thomas Browwik, Chaplain in a chantry in the parish Church of Great Kelke; William Mygeley, Vicar of Foston; Henry Goodwyn, Vicar of Hoggesthorpe; and Richard Browne, Vicar of North Cave.

And with 40*s.* to John Swyfte for a corrody. (Ministers' Accounts, 4644.)

7 June, 5 Edward VI. (1551).

GRANT of the site of Charter House to Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset.¹ (Calendar of Deeds of Purchase, Edward VI., 116.)

19 March, 6 Edward VI. (1552-3).

GRANT to Edward, Lord Clinton, the site of the Charter House at Hull. (Calendar of Deeds, Edward VI., 117.)

2 July, 2 Mary (1554).

GRANT to John Greene and William Jenyns, gen., the site of the Priory of the Carthusians in Hull, in tenure of Ralph Constable, lately the lands of John, Duke of Northumberland, attinct.² (Palmer's "Index," p. 127.)

8 June, 4 P. and 5 M. (1558).

GRANT to Sir Henry Gate³ and Thomas Dalton,³ mercator, the Priory of the Carthusians, Hull, and site of the mansion of Sculcotes. (Palmer's "Index," p. 156.)

¹ He was beheaded 22 Jan. 1551-2.

² He was beheaded 18 Aug. 1553, when his estates probably came to the Crown.

³ Right trustie and welbeloved we grete you well, letting you understonde that aswell in consideracon of the good service heretofore done to us by our loving servaunt S^r Henry Gate, knight, as for the consideracon hereafter followyng, our will ys that he shale have of us by waye of purchase all that our mannor of Sculcotes sometyme parcell of the late dissolved monastery of Hull Charterhouse and all our messuages, landes, etc., yelding to us so muche ready money as the same shall after the rate of twentie yeres purchase come unto, over the woodes upon the premisses, to have the mannor to S^r Henry Gates his heires for ever, to hold the same by the x^lth parte of a Knightes fee. These are therefore to requyre you to conclude with S^r Henry Gates. At our mannor of Est Grenewiche the viijth day of Maye in the fourth and fyfte yeaeres of our Raignes.

To our ryght trusty and welbeloved counsellors Thomas Cornewallis, Knyght, controller of our houshold, S^r Edward Walgrave, Knyght, Chaunceler of our Duchie, S^r Fraunces Englefield, Knyght, M^r of Wardes and lyveryes,

HANDALE (OR GRENDALE).¹ BENEDICTINE
NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by William, son of Richard de Perci, 1133.
(Tanner's "Notitia," 655.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—13*l.* 19*s.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v.,
p. 87.)

SURRENDER.—23 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539), when
there were 8 or 9 nuns.

PENSIONS.—Anne Lutton, prioress, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; Alice
Branton, Agnes Pykeham, Margaret Logan, Isabel Norman,
Cecily Watson, Anne Bennyson, Emma Smyth.

SURVEY OF RENTAL.—23 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).
Site with small orchard and graveyard, worth 3*s.* 4*d.*; a water-
mill next the priory, 5*s.*; total value of the lands, 4*l.* 12*s.*
(Paper Surveys, 401.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular
Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 20*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* received from Ambrose Bek-
with, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said
late Priory, for this year.

He credits himself with payment of an annuity of 40*s.* to
Thomas Henryson, Chaplain. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

Sr William Peter, Knyght, Sr William Cordell, Knyght, M^r of our Rolles, and
Sr Jhon Baker, Knyght, Chauncellor of our Exchequier, or to any v, iij or iij
of them. (Harl. MS. 607, 187.)

12 May 1558, rated for Sir Henry Gates, Kn^t, lands in Hull and Sculcotes,
yearly value 97^l 15^s 10^d at xx yeres purchase 1955^l 16^s 8^d.

Soon after it was divided into three parts, of which Dalton had two parts
and Sir Henry Gates one part. In 1560 Dalton sold one of his shares to
Alexander Stockdaile, the other to Thomas Alured, who ultimately appears
to have got the whole. In 1656 John Alured sold part to John Clement of
Hull, remainder to Charles Vaux, Esq. (Tickell's "Hull," 896.)

¹ In the parish of Lofthouse, nine miles from Guisborough. There is
a description of the buildings in "Twelve small Yorkshire Priors," by
W. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorkshire Archæological Journal," vol. ix., p. 211).
Little now remains except the west end of the chapel and some of the walls
in the farm-house. (Graves' "Cleveland.")

20 Dec., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

LEASE to Robert Kyrke, Clerk of the Market to the King's household, of the site of the Priory of Handale, lately dissolved, for 21 years at the rent of 4*l.* 12*s.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 36b.)

10 July, 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

GRANT to Ambrose Beckwith,¹ the house and site of the Priory of Handale with lands and a mill. (Calendar, xviii., 583.)

... May, 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

LICENCE to Ambrose Beckwith² to alienate to William Percy and Thos. Saltmarshe to be regranted to the said Ambrose and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs the house and site of the Nunnery of Handale. (Calendar, xix., 383.)

HEALAUGH PARK.³ AUGUSTIN PRIORY.

Dedicated to St. John the Evangelist.

An hermitage in the wood or park of Helagh, with liberty to clear the grounds about it, was granted to Gilbert, a monk of Marmonstier, in order, as it seems, to found a religious house by Bertram Haget before 1203, when the convent disclaimed any right in the hermitage, and thereupon a Church was built and some religious fixed here by Jeffrey Haget, son of Bertram. About 2 Henry III. (1218) a convent of regular black canons was established by Jordan de St. Maria and Alice his wife, grand-daughter of Bertram Haget.

At the Dissolution Sir John Dykbdeyn was called the founder.

¹ Brother of Sir Leonard Beckwith, who had a grant of Selby Abbey. (See Dugdale's "Visitation," continued, 1.)

² Ambrose Beckwith therefore obtained possession of the Priory, and it continued in his family till his descendant Roger Beckwith sold it to Mr. Sanderson of Staithes 27 or 28 Jan. 1758, from whose daughter it passed to Thomas Richardson. It was sold after to Stevenson Thomas and Thomas Rowland. In 1819 it was transferred to Edmund Turton, Esq., and from him to his cousin John Bell, Esq., of Thirsk, and is now the property of his great-nephew Reginald Bell, Esq., of Thirsk.

³ In the Ainsty, three miles from Tadcaster. The conventual buildings were in a great part pulled down and used in the erection of the existing sixteenth-century manor house. It is now a farm house. (Skaife's "Lower Wharfedale," 359.)

POSSESSIONS.—The Churches of Healaugh and Wighill.

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

SURRENDER.—1536, before 10 Oct., 30 Henry VIII. (1538). (Calendar, xiii., 11, 502.)

PENSION.—Richard Roundall, Prior, 18*l.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 232, p. 34.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 27 Henry VIII. to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 22*l.* 14*s.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory under the hand of Richard Roundale, late Prior there. And with 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the price of the lead on the roofs of the Church and other houses there. And with 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the price of 4 bells hanging in the belfry. And with 60*s.*, the price of the grain in the granary at the time of the survey, expended by the Prior. And with 17*l.* 15*s.*, the price of sundry goods and chattels sold and expended between the survey and the suppression, viz., 12 oxen 8*l.*, 6 cows 60*s.*, 8 young oxen and heifers 40*s.*, 3 young mares 10*s.*, 2 foals 20*s.*, 1 heifer 6*s.* 8*d.*, 47 sheep 47*s.*, other goods 11*s.* 4*d.* Also with 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of increase of price on the above items, charged above as 17*l.* 15*s.* and sold and expended by the Prior at a higher rate, viz., an increase on the 12 oxen of 6*l.* 16*d.*, on the 4 cows 22*s.*, the 8 young oxen 20*s.*, the 3 young mares called "fillies" 10*s.* Also with 12*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*, the price of sundry things sold and expended and money received by the said Prior and not charged in the inventory, the price, to wit, of 3 pigs 6*s.*, 6 stones of wool 23*s.* 4*d.*, 10 lambs 10*s.*, the rent of 7 acres of meadow 30*s.*, of 1½ acres of meadow 6*s.*, the price of 1 old pan 3*s.*, of 1 "kymnell"¹ 16*d.*, for wood sold to sundry persons 8*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* Also with 66*l.* 13*s.*, the value of the residue of the goods specified in the said inventory, and sold by the Commissioners to Sir Thomas Wharton, knight, farmer, of the site of the priory, with the demesne lands, with 100*s.* increase. Total, 170*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, with 25*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* increase.

And he charges himself with 54*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, the issues of the said Priory due at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the

¹ A tub or brewing vessel.

account of Thomas Fale, collector of the rents there. Also with 14*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, due at Whitsuntide and received and expended by Sir Richard Roundale, late Prior there, with 4*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* received at the time of the removal. And with 16*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* received from Sir Thomas Wharton, knight, farmer, of the site of the Priory and Rectory of Helaugh, due this year but not yet paid. Also with 28*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 114*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*

13 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Sir Thomas Wharton of Wharton, knight, of the Priory of Healaugh Parke, surrendered and dissolved, and of the Church of Healaugh at a rent of 23*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 209, p. 4*b.*)

20 March, 31 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT to James Gage of the King's household in fee for 514*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* of the house and site of the late Priory of Helaugh, the Church, steeple, and churchyard, closes, the rectory and advowson of the Vicarage of Helaugh, except certain woods, to hold by a rent of 57*s.* 3*d.* (Calendar, xv., 173.)

17 April.

LICENCE to James Gage to alienate the above to Sir Arthur Darcy and his heirs for ever. (Calendar, xv., 289.)

1 Dec., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

LICENCE to Sir Arthur Darcy to alienate the late Priory of Helaugh, with lands (specified) in Helaugh, Hagney, Hagneby, and Tadcaster belonging to it, and the rectory and advowson of the Vicarage of Helaugh to Sir Thomas Wharton. (Calendar, xvi., 172.)

26 Feb., 36 Henry VIII. (1544-5).

GRANT to Sir Thomas Wharton, Lord Wharton, for 366*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, of woods in Helaugh,¹ Hagnebye, etc. (Calendar, xx., 127.)

¹ Helaugh has passed from the Wharton family to that of Brooksbank, who still possess it.

KELDHOLME.¹ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Robert de Stuteville,² temp. Henry I. The patronage descended to the Wakes. At the dissolution it was called of the foundation of Lord Westmorland.

VALUATION.—29*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

No Ministers' Accounts.

SURRENDER.—1536. By Elizabeth Lyon, last Prioress.

PENSION.—100*s.* per annum. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 278b.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 27 Henry VIII. (1535) to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

ACCOUNT of Leonard Beckwith, Esq., the King's Receiver. He charges himself with 74*s.* 6*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory under the hand of the abovesaid Elizabeth Lyon, late Prioress. And with 20*l.* for the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses there. Also with 10*s.*, the price of 2 small bells hanging in the belfry. Also with 10*s.*, the price of the grain in the granary at the time of the survey, expended by the Prioress before the dissolution. Also with 20*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, the price of sundry things sold and expended by the Prioress between the survey and suppression, viz., 4 oxen 44*s.*, 2 cows 18*s.*, 2 young oxen of 3 years 12*s.*, 13 young oxen of 2 years 52*s.*, 4 calves 9*s.*, one mare called "a fillie" 4*s.* 6*d.*, 444 muttons 12*l.*, 12 ewes 26*s.* 8*d.*, other small things 3*s.* 4*d.* Also with 31*s.* 6*d.* increase on the above, viz., on the oxen 4*s.*, on the three year olds 4*s.*, on the two year olds 22*s.*, on the filly 18*d.*

¹ In the parish of Kirkby Moorside, and a mile from the town.

² Robert de Stutville of Cottingham, who also founded Rosedale Abbey. He died circ. 1186. His great-grandson, Nicholas de Stutville, had a daughter Joan, who married Hugh le Wake. Not a vestige of the house remains; on the site is erected an oil and flax mill.

Also with 114*s.* for goods sold and expended by the Prioress in the same period and not charged in the inventory, viz., 2 three year old oxen 16*s.*, 1 heifer 6*s.*, 2 oxen 24*s.*, 1 bull 8*s.*, 1 cow 10*s.*, 12 stones of wool at 3*s.* 10*d.* a stone—plus 18*d.* on the whole—47*s.* 6*d.*, 16 sheep's pelts 2*s.*, 2 calves' pelts 6*d.* Also with 44*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* received for the rest of the goods of the said priory sold [*sic*]. Total, 96*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, with 7*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* increase.

He charges himself with 20*s.* received by Dame Elizabeth Lyon, late Prioress there, from Anthony Aisson, farmer, of the corn-mill there, for the half-year ended at Whitsuntide, and by her expended, according to her acknowledgment. He does not answer for any other issues, because Ralph, Earl of Westmorland, has received the same for the whole period, by what warrant the accountant does not know, and the Earl ought to answer. He does answer below. Total, 20*s.*

9 July, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT, along with that of Rosedale Priory, to Ralph Nevile, Earl of Westmorland,¹ the site and lands of Keldhome Priory. (Calendar, xiii., 1, 564.)

KIRKLEES.² CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St. James.

Founded by Reiner le Fleming in the reign of Henry II.

POSSESSIONS.—The Church of Mirfield.

VALUATION.—19*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 67.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

¹ The Earl of Westmorland was attainted, and his estates confiscated. They remained in the hands of the Crown till the reign of James I., when they were granted to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, whose son sold them to Sir Charles Duncombe, ancestor of the Earl of Feversham.

² In the township of Hartshead cum Clifton and parish of Dewsbury. Mr. S. J. Chadwick, F.S.A., has printed in the "Yorkshire Archæological Journal," vol. xvi., a complete account of this nunnery, with full copies of the various documents.

13 May, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

EXEMPTION.—The Cistercian Priory of Kirklees, exemption from suppression. Cecilia Topclyff to be Prioress. (Calendar, xiii., 410.)

24 Nov., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER.—By Joan Kyppes, Prioress, and the convent of the monastery and all its possessions in cos. York and Lanc. and elsewhere. Acknowledged same day before Ric. Layton, one of the clerks of Chancery.

26 Nov.

PENSIONS.—Janet Kyppes and Joan Lenthorpe, 40s. each; Isabel Hopton, Agnes Broke, Isabel Rodys, Kath. Grice, and Isabel Sautenstall, 33s. 4d. each. Signed by Hendle, Legh, Belassys, and Watkins, Commissioners.

7 July, (1537).

LEASE to Robert Freeston of Warmefeld of the tithes of Mirfield Rectory for 21 years. (Calendar, xiii., 582.)

23 Feb., 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

LEASE to James Rokeby, gen., of the house and site, late the Priory or Nunnery of Kirkleys, lately dissolved, with one water-mill, etc., for 21 years at the rent of 13*l*. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 212, p. 66.)

24 April, 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT in fee to Thomas Savell of Clifton of the Rectory of Mirfield, of the value of 6*l*. 6s. 8d., at a rent of 12s. 8d. (Patent Roll.)

3 July, 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

GRANT in fee to Ric. Andrewis and Wm. Romsden, all lands in Heaton, Denbye, Darton, Shelf, Liversage, Scoles, Hekynwyke, Shepeley, Emeley, Sadelworth, belonging to Kirklees Priory. (Calendar, xviii., part i., 526.)

35 Henry VIII. (1543-4.)

REQUEST by Richard Androys and William Ramsden to purchase the possessions of Kirklees Priory.

31 May, 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

GRANT of the site of Kirklees Priory to John Tasburgh, Esq., and Nicholas Savell, gent., for 98*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* (Patent Roll.)

12 Sept., 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

LICENCE to John Taseborough and Nicholas Savell to alienate to William Romsden of Longley and James More, clerk, the site, etc., of Kirkleys Priory, lands, and woods in tenure of Thos. Savell. (Calendar, xix., ii., 196.)

29 March, 1 Edward VI. (1547).

LICENCE to William Ramsden of Longley, gentleman, and James More, clerk, to dispose of the site and lands to Thomas Gargrave, Esq. (Patent Roll.)

20 Feb., 2 Edward VI. (1548).

TRANSFER of the site, etc., from Thomas Gargrave, Esq., to Robert Pilkington, by deed.

8 July 1547.

LICENCE to Cuthbert Savile, son of the above Thomas Savile, to dispose of the Rectory of Mirfield to William Ramsden, who, 14 Oct., had licence to convey it to John Dyghton of Batley.

26 Oct., 7 Elizabeth (1565).

SALE of the site, etc., by Robert Pilkington and his wife Alice, daughter of Thomas Savile, to John Armytage, Esq., of Farnley Tyas, yeoman, ancestor of Sir George Armytage, Bart., the present owner.

2 June 1601.

CONVEYANCE of the Rectory of Mirfield by Thomas Savile of Whitley, gent., to John Armytage, Esq. (It was sold nearly 50 years ago to Joshua Ingham, Esq., of Blake Hall.)

KNARESBOROUGH.¹ TRINITARIAN OR ORDER OF ST. ROBERT FRIARY.

"Robert Flower, son of Robert, twice Mayor of York, some time a white monk at Newminster, afterward a hermite in a chapel of the Holy Cross here. There was a great opinion of his sanctity. King John gave him forty acres of land in Swinesco. He was the first beginner of the Priory here, and instituted his company in the sect of friars of the Holy Trinity de redemptione captivorum," of which order there was a convent settled here in the chapel of St. Robert in the reign of King Henry III., chiefly by the beneficence of Richard, Earl of Cornwall and King of the Romans. These religious were little better than mendicants.

VALUATION.—35*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 255.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

1 Dec., 1538.

SURRENDER of the house. Signed by Thomas Kent, Minister; 7 priests, one of whom signs with a mark, and one undescribed. (Deputy Keeper's 8th Report.)

8 April 1539.

PENSIONS.—Thos. Kente, Minister, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; John Turnbulle, 5*l.*; John Trystrame, Thos. Yorke, John Sterkbone, Ric. Walshe, John Ailmer, Robt. Gybson, Thos. Grene, Ric. Mallynge, Ric. Burnyston, brethren. (Augmentation Misc. Books, 233, 110.)

ACCOUNT of William Blithman, the King's Receiver, upon the dissolution made there 20 Dec., 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

Sales of goods and chattels: He answers for 6*s.* 8*d.*, the price of utensils found by the King's Commissioners in the hall of the late house there, and sold to Hugh Askewe; 10*s.* for the utensils and furniture in the promptuary; 41*s.* 2*d.* for those in the kitchen; 6*s.* 8*d.* for those in the dry larder; 10*s.* for those in the wet larder; 37*s.* for those in the malt and brew-house;

¹ Tanner's "Notitia," p. 681. There is no mention of the Friary in Burton's "Monasticon." There is a long account in Wheater's "Knaresborough."

9s. 8d. for those in the Knightes Chambre; 9s. 8d. in the Kynges Chambre; 2s. in the Littell Chambre; 6s. 8d. in the Buttery Chamber; 6s. 8d. for a "counter"¹ in the hall, and the like [for another?] in Huntres Chambre; also for the prices of 3 "cartehorses," 8 working oxen, 4 draught horses, 6 cows, 20 pigs, 2 wains, 3 "cowpes,"² 2 ploughs, and of divers stores of grain and hay, and the crops sown, all sold as above; 6s. 8d. for the utensils of the forge, sold to the said Blithman; 78s. 10d., the price of vestments and ornaments found in the Church there, sold to Blithman; and 17l. 2s. 8d. for stores of grain at Whyxley; in all 63l. 8s.

Sale of lead and bells: He does not account for lead, estimated at 18 fother, found on the roof of the Church, because it is reserved by the King's command; the five bells found in the belfry, weighing about 7000 lbs., are likewise reserved until the King's pleasure be known.

Jewels: The jewels, estimated at about 80 oz., viz., 2 chalices weighing 26 oz., and a cross weighing 56 oz., were delivered to the Master of the King's jewel-house.

He accounts for 7l. 18s. 8d. received in debts due from Peter Curror of Hampstwayte, William Birkebek, William Hill, Thomas Barker, Robert Huntroute, and John Wright, for arrears of farms and rents.

Total of the receipts, 71l. 6s. 8d.

He has paid out 16l. 6s. 8d. in sums distributed by the King's grace to the late Master Thomas Kent, and to the brethren, viz., John Turnebull, John Trusteram, Thomas Yorke, John Starkebone, Richard Walsse, John Millyn, Robert Gybson, Thomas Grene, John Mallen, and Richard Burnestone; and 6l. 6s. in like manner given to the servants of the said late monastery for their wages in arrear, viz., Anthony Aldeburghe, gent., Robert Straker, Richard Gill, John Benson, Richard Atkynson, Roger Oundall, John Pilley, John Prynce, Stephen Pollarde, Thomas Chateforth, William Massey, Robert Tunstall, Roger Glassonbye, William Geffray, Thomas Broun, John Wray, Christopher Bowlyng, John Hallman, William Rawe, Richard Judson, Thomas Fawcett, William Ganesburgh, John Tayllor, Henry Burrell, James Roose, Margaret Mathew, Ralph Hyll, John Nicholson, John Dyxson, William Wyke, John Yate, Thomas Tynney, six choristers, Peter Waryng, James Lofthouse, Oswald Straker, and Oswald Hardestye.

Also 4l. 10s. in the pensions due to the Vicars of Wyxlay and Fewyston.

¹ A table,

² Carts that can be tilted,

The expenses of the Commissioners, who were there for a day and a half in execution of their commission, 16*s.* 4*d.*

Memorandum that all maner edifices and byldynges there doo remayn not prostrate. (Ministers' Account, 7452.)

12 March, 30 Henry VIII. (1538-9).

LEASE to Hugh Askue of the household of the King, gen., the house of the Crutched Friars of St. Robert of Knaresborough for 21 years at the rent of 11*l.* 16*s.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 211, p. 60.)

12 March, 33 Henry VIII. (1541-2).

GRANT to Hugh Ascue in fee of the woods called the Sykes Coppes and Chappell Garth in Knaresborough, which belonged to the Priory of St. Robert of Knaresborough. (Calendar, xvii., 220.)

30 June, 7 Edward VI. (1553).

GRANT of the site of the house of St. Robert, with mill, etc., to Francis Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury. (Palmer's "Index," p. 113.)

3 and 4 P. and M. (1556).

FINE.—Francis Slyngesbye,¹ Esq., Francis Tankard, and Thomas Slyngesbye, son and heir-apparent of Francis, Plaintiffs, Francis, Earl of Salop, and Lady Grace his wife, Deforciants, manor of Seynt Robert near Knaresburghe, messuage, and 2 water-mills, with lands there and in Follygate and Pannall. (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 198.)

OLD MALTON.² GILBERTINE PRIORY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Eustace Fitz-John about 1150.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Norton, Old Malton, Langton, Winteringham, Brompton, Marton.

¹ The estates then passed into the hands of the Slingsby family.

² Very little remains of the conventual buildings, and only part of the Church, now used as the parish Church of Old Malton. "What does survive is a magnificent remain of the noblest period of mediæval art." (Sir Gilbert Scott.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—197*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*

11 Dec., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER.—By Robert, Bishop of Llandaff, President of the Council in the North and Commendatory of the whole Order of St. Gilbert in England. John, Prior of Malton and the convent, of the monastery and all its possessions. Acknowledged same day before John Uvedale, King's Commissioner.

9 Dec.

PENSIONS assigned.—John Crawshawe, Prior, 40*l.*; Robt. Laverok, Sub-prior, 6*l.*; Wm. Rygwall, Anthony Swynebanke, Robt. Emerson, John Todde, John Jackson, Henry Bayneley, Robt. Paytes, Wm. Bawdekyn, 4*l.* each; John Scott, lunatic, 40*s.* Signed by Hendle, Legh, Belassys, and Watkyns, Commissioners. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 290, and Calendar, xiv., ii., 243.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 72*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* received from Thomas Spenser, collector of the rents and farms of Malton, with its members, for this year; and for divers (specified) sums from William Atterton and the said Thomas Spenser, collectors for the rents and farms of Rillyngton, Lynton, Mowethorpe, Wynteryng-ham, Knapton, Snaynton, Brompton, Synnington, and divers hamlets in the county of York, Winterton and Ancaster in co. Lincoln, and rents and farms in the counties of Leicester and Hertford.

He credits himself with payment to the Dean and Chapter of York, tithes for tenements in Eberston, due to their rectory of Pykerynge; and to King's College, Cambridge, a pension out of the rectory of Marton in Burghshire, co. York.

And with 8*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* for corrodies to William Gascoigne and Agnes his wife, Thomas Norman and Agnes his wife. (Ministers' Account, 4644.)

15 June, 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

LEASE to George Dakyns of Settrington, gen., of the Rectory of Old and New Malton for 21 years at the rent of 16*l.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 212, p. 133b.)

26 June, 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT to Rob. Holgate *alias* Halgate,¹ Bishop of Llandaff, in fee for 276*l.*, of the house and site of the late Priory of Malton; the Church, steeple, and churchyard, etc., and the demesne lands of the said late Priory in Old Malton, and the fishery of the Darewent; the grange called Sutton Graunge in the parish of Norton next Malton, and certain lands in the parish of Kyrkby Overkarr in the lordship of Ryton; all which belonged to the late priory in as full manner as the last Prior or the general Master of the Order of St. Gilbert of Sempryngnam held the same. Rent 30*s.* 8*d.* (Calendar, xv., 410.)

10 July, 33 Henry VIII. (1541).

LEASE to John Thorpe of the tithes of Wintringham Rectory. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 212, p. 170*b.*)

14 March, 36 Henry VIII. (1544-5).

GRANT unto Robert (Holgate), Archbishop of York, of the Rectory of Old Malton and tithes there, and at New Malton, Wykeham, in tenure of George Dakyns.² (Calendar, xx., i., 215.)

17 March, 3 P. and 4 M. (1556-7).

GRANT to the Master, Brothers, and Sisters of the Hospital at Hemsworth, the Priory of Old Malton, 2 mills, a house called Fish House, all the fishery in the water of Derwent and Rye, and 20 mess. and cottages, lands in Swynton, Pickering, Hovingham, Pickering Lythe. (Palmer's "Index," p. 141.)

¹ Robert Holgate died in 1556. He left, by his will, 27 April 1555, to his executors the site of the late Priory of Malton, with the land, and the site of the Priory of Yeddingham, with other estates, to found a hospital at Hemsworth for a master and 20 brethren and sisters—the master to be in priest's orders, the poor to be chosen by the parson and churchwardens; the master to have 20 marks a year, and the poor 53*s.* 4*d.* The executors built the hospital, which is still in existence, though new buildings have been erected. (See Hunter's "South Yorkshire.")

² The patronage of the Church of Old Malton was exchanged, by Act of Parliament, by the Archbishop of York with the Marquis of Rockingham, and now belongs to Earl FitzWilliam. (Lawton.)

MARRICK.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Andrew or the Virgin.

Founded in the latter end of the reign of King Stephen, or beginning of Henry II., by Roger de Aske.

POSSESSIONS.—The Church of Marrick.

VALUATION.—48*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 237.)

9 Sept., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

SUPPRESSION.—In the list under 200*l.* per annum. Benedictine House or Priory of St. Andrew, Marrick, to continue, notwithstanding the Act, with Christabel Cowper as Prioress. (Calendar, xi., 209.)

15 Sept., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER by Christabel Cowper, Prioress, and the convent of the Priory of Maryke. Enrolled same day before John Uvedale and Leonard Beckwith, King's Commissioners.

PENSIONS.—Christabell Cowper, Prioress, 100*s.*; Marg. Lovechild, Joan Norres, Marjory Conyars, Eliz. Dalton, Eleanor Maxwell, Joan Barnyngham, Joan Marton, Grace Rotherforde, Eliz. Close, Eliz. Robynson, Anne Ledeman, Eliz. Syngleton, from 66*s.* to 20*s.* each. Signed by Jo. Uvedale, Leonard Bekwith. Countersigned by Sir Ric. Riche. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 110.)

8 Jan., 29 Henry VIII. (1537-8).

John Uvedale asks Cromwell to obtain for him the farm of the house, demesnes, and parsonage of Marrick Nunnery. (Calendar State Papers, vol. xiii., p. 15.)

6 June, 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

LEASE to John Uvedale, arm., of the house and site of the Priory of Marrick, lately dissolved; lands in Downham, Rectory of Marrick. (Augmentation Books, vol. 214, p. 38.)

¹ On the banks of the River Swale, three miles from Reeth, eight miles from Richmond.

8 June, 37 Henry VIII. (1545).

GRANT in fee for 364*l.* os. 6*d.* to John Uvedale,¹ one of the King's Counsellors in the north, of the house, site, etc., of Marrych Nunnery and lands there; Rectory of Marrycke, in the Prioress' own hands at the dissolution, now all in tenure of John Uvedale. (Calendar, xx., i., 524.)

MARTON (IN GALTRES).² AUGUSTIN PRIORY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Bertram de Bulmer (who lived in the reign of Stephen and beginning of Henry II.) for men and women, but the nuns were, not long after, removed to Molesby.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Marton³ (given by Bertram Bulmer); Sheriff Hutton (given by the Mauleys); and Sutton in the Forest.

VALUATION.—151*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 94.)

9 Feb., 27 Hen. VIII. (1535-6).

SURRENDER.⁴—Thomas Yodson, Prior (signed by the Prior and five others). Acknowledged before Ric. Layton, one of the clerks of Chancery, the same day. (Calendar, ix., 816.)

¹ John Uvedale left his estates to his son Alverey Uvedale, who held Marrick till 1583, after which his sons John and Thomas sold it, with the advowson of the vicarage, to Richard Brackenbury, Esq., of London, for 200 marks. On 8 March 1592 Richard Brackenbury conveyed the estate to Timothy Hutton, gent., of Bishop Auckland. 20 Nov. 1630 Matthew Hutton, Esq. (son of Timothy), had licence to alienate it to Robert Blackburne, gent., and John and Gyles, his sons, for the sum of 3280*l.* It remained in the Blackburne family for some years, till it was sold, 23 Oct. 1671, to Charles Powlett, after Marquis of Winchester, who settled it on his second son, Lord William Powlett. The manor of Marrick was sold by his descendant, 19 Aug. 1817, to Josias Morley, Esq., but part of the estate, with the site of the priory, became the property of James Pigott Ince, Esq. (See "Collectanea Top. et Gen.," vol. v.)

² In the wapentake of Bulmer, five miles from Easingwold. There are no remains of the buildings, only a farm-house erected with part of the stone. (Burton.)

³ Present patrons: Marton, the Archbishop of York; Sheriff Hutton, the Archbishop alternately; Sutton, the Lord Chancellor.

⁴ This was the first Priory which surrendered. (See page 9.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1535), to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 24*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory. Also with 38*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* for sums received by George Burgh and George Sutton, late Canons there, the price of sundry goods sold by them and expended in their household between the survey and suppression of the Priory, and not charged in the inventory, viz., 4 oxen 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, 4 cows 58*s.*, 3 heifers 30*s.*, 17 young bullocks 6*l.* 5*s.*, 7 pigs 8*s.* 1*d.*, 92 sheep 9*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, 6 mares 4*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, 8 lambs 12*s.*, and for divers parcels of plate 8*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* He also charges himself with 247*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* for the whole of the lead and the bells and the residue of the moveables, as appears by the said inventory, with 67*l.* 8*s.* increase. Total, 311*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*, with 106*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* increase.

He charges himself with 69*l.* 14*s.* 2½*d.*, the issues of the Priory at St. Martin (as above), according to the account of Ralph Bekwith, collector of the rents there. Also with 40*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, issues at the Feast of the Annunciation, received and expended by Sir Thomas Yodson, late Prior there. Also with 31*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* due at Whitsuntide, received by the said Sir Thomas Yodson, Rector of Shirrevehuton and Sutton, by virtue of the King's letters patent. And with 76*l.* 17*s.* 7½*d.* received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 219*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*

9 Sept., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Henry Seymer of the household of the site of the Priory of Marton for 21 years at the rent of 28*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 10.)

. . . . 29 Henry VIII. (1537-8).

LEASE to W^m Styllingfeld *alias* Strynger, Chaplain of Marton Rectory. (Calendar, xiii., 589.)

16 Feb., 34 Henry VIII. (1542-3).

GRANT (in exchange for the manor of Beverley, etc.) to Edward [Lee], Archbishop of York, of the house and site of the late Priory of Marton with lands, 2 mills, and lands in Sutton. (Calendar, xviii., 128.)

21 Feb., 2 P. and 3 M. (1555-6).

GRANT to Nicholas [Heath], Archbishop of York, of the Priory of Marton, with water-mill and lands. (Palmer's "Index," p. 131.)

14 March, 36 Henry VIII. (1545).

GRANT to Robert [Holgate], Archbishop of York, the rectories of Sheriff Hutton and Sutton in the tenure of Tho^s Yodson, late Prior. (Calendar, xx., i., 214.)

1 Feb., 33 Henry VIII. (1541-2).

GRANT to Charles, Duke of Suffolk, of lands in Thripland, Crakehowe, and Appultrewyke, which belonged to Marton Priory. (Calendar, xvii., 58.)¹

MIDDLESBURGH.² CELL TO WHITBY ABBEY (BENEDICTINE).

In the time of King Henry I. or King Stephen, Robert de Brus and Agnes his wife gave the Church of St. Hilda at Middlesburgh, with its appurtenances and two carucates and two oxgangs in Newham, to the monks of St. Peter and St. Hilda of Whitby, that some of them should always reside and perform Divine Service at Middlesburgh.

VALUATION.—25*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*

SURRENDER.—Only two or three monks there.

ACCOUNT of the bailiffs, reeves, collectors of rents, etc., for the late monastery of Whitby, co. York (with its cell of Middlesburgh), Mich., 31 Henry VIII. (1539), to Mich., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

¹ The soil is held by a number of owners, but the Archbishop of York is lord of the manor. (White's "Directory.")

² There are only about three cells mentioned in the list of priories to be first surrendered (page 23). Middlesburgh must have been considered more independent, not being mixed up with the parent Abbey of Whitby.

ACCOUNT of John Hexham, occupier of all the lands and tenements to the said late cell belonging.

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

He answers for 79s. 8*d.* for the farm of the site, with dovecot, orchards, and gardens, and the demesnes, including closes called Westley Close, the House Close, Angram Close, West Feld, Est Feld, South Felde, and Brakyn Hille.

Also for 6*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for rents of cottages and crofts in the township of Middilburgh in the tenures of William Pottes, Wadrynge, Lionel Ansell, Richard Tayrell, William Harrington, Richard Harrington, Thomas Theker, Thomas Burton, and John Whithed; 10*l.* for the farm of Neweham Grange, demised to Sir George Conyers, knight; 23*s.* 3*d.* for rents of land in Linthorpe, in the tenures of William Hudson, Hornalt, Robert Ansell, and William Stuppes; 19*s.* 6*d.* for land in Marton in Cleveland, in the tenure of Christopher Marton; 5*s.* for land in Ormesby, in the tenure of Christopher Robinson; 66*s.* 8*d.* for the farm of the tithes belonging to the Chapel of Middilburgh. (Minister's Account, 4624.)

23 Feb., 34 Henry VIII. (1542-3).

LEASE to John Harrys of the household the cell of Middleburgh for 30 years from the expiration of a lease, 1 Jan., 30 Henry VIII. (1538-9), by which Thos. Brooke, merchaunt tailor of London, W^m Davell, W^m Jackson, and John Kylden hold the same from Whitby Abbey, rent free, during the life of John Lexham, late Abbot of Whitby, at a rent of 25*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 215, p. 13.)

14 July, 6 Elizabeth (1564).

GRANT to Thomas Reve, William Ryvett, and William Hochins, and their heirs of the site lately the house or cell of Middleburgh. (Palmer's "Index," p. 188.)

MOLESBY.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. John the Evangelist.

This nunnery was founded before 1167 by Henry II. for nuns who had removed from Marton Priory, founded by Bertram de Bulmer.

¹ Now called Moxby in the parish of Marton, five miles from Easingwold.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Whenby¹ and Thormanby.²

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—26*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 95.)

SURRENDER.—Before 10 Oct., 30 Henry VIII. (1538). (Calendar, xiii., ii., 502.)

PENSION.—Philippa Jenison, 10 marks. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 232, p. 33b.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1525), to the same Feast 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 2*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.*, the issues of the Priory at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Robert Hill, collector of the rents there. And with 11*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, the issues due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Dame Philippa Jenyson, late Prioress there. Also with 6*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* due from Sir Roger Cholmeley, knight, farmer of the site of the Priory with the demesne lands, and not paid. Also with 8*l.* 12*d.* received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 47*l.* 21½*d.*

He charges himself with 13*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory under the hand of John Horne, chaplain of the abovesaid Philippa Jenyson, late Prioress. Also with 20*l.*, the price of the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses there. Also with 4*s.*, the price of the grain in the granary at the time of the survey, expended by the Prioress. Also with 7*l.* 12*s.* for divers cattle sold, and expended by the Prioress between the survey and the suppression, viz., 6 oxen 66*s.* 8*d.*, 6 cows 46*s.*, 7 young oxen 14*s.*, 20 sheep 23*s.* 4*d.*, 2 pigs 2*s.* Also with 52*s.* 10*d.* increase on the same, viz., on 5 oxen 24*s.* 10*d.*, on 6 cows 14*s.*, on 3 young oxen 14*s.* Also with 41*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, the price of the other goods specified in the

¹ Whenby Vicarage came into the hands of the Archbishop till the time of Queen Mary, when it passed into private hands, viz., Edward Barton in 1602; Thomas Crofts in 1639; John Cook in 1690; Trustees of Lord Derwentwater in 1720; 1724, the Garforth family. (Lawton's "Collections," 472.) The Hon. H. W. Fitzwilliam is the present patron.

² Thormanby, since the dissolution, has been in the alternate presentation of the Lords Downe and the Cayleys. (Lawton.)

inventory and sold by the Commissioners to Sir Roger Cholmeley the elder, knight, farmer of the site of the Priory with the demesne lands, with 66s. 8d. increase. Also with a further 15s. received by him, viz., from Sir Roger 5s. for one frontal for the altar, and 10s. from Hugh Fuller for one vestment. Total, 87*l.* 12s., with 119s. 6d. increase.

16 Feb., 34 Henry VIII. (1543).

GRANT to Edward, Archbishop of York, in exchange the site, etc., of the late Priory of Molsby *alias* Molesbye and lands there, and in Sutton, Stillyngton, Farlyngton, Sheriff Hutton, Whenbye belonging to the Priory. (Calendar, xviii., part 1.)

21 Feb., 3 P. and 3 M. (1555-6).

GRANT to Nicholas, Archbishop of York, and his successors, the site of the late Priory of Molesby and messuages and lands in Sutton, Stillington, Farlington, Sheriff Hutton, Whenby. (Palmer's "Index," p. 131.)

NUN APPLETON.¹ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin and St. John the Evangelist.

Founded by Adeliza or Alice de St. Quintin, with the consent of Robert her son and heir, about the latter end of King Stephen. (Burton's "Monasticon," 276.)

VALUATION.—73*l.* 9s. 10d.

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

12 July, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

EXEMPTION FROM SUPPRESSION.—Anne Langton to be Prioress. (Calendar, xiii., 567.)

5 Dec., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER.—By Anna Lanketon, Prioress, and the Convent, of the monastery and possessions; acknowledged same day before Thomas Leigh, one of the clerks of Chancery. (Calendar, xiv., ii., 232.)

¹ In the parish of Bolton Percy, six miles from Tadcaster.

1 March, 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

PENSIONS.—Agnes Snaynton 3*l.*, Eleanor Normabell, Prioress, 46*s.* 8*d.*, Agnes Ardyngton 46*s.* 8*d.*, Joan Gore 40*s.*, Isabella Gaston 40*s.*, Jane Watson 40*s.*, Marg. Carter 40*s.*, Eliz. Carter 40*s.*, Agnes Simpson, Magdalen Kylborne 40*s.*, Agnes Augner 40*s.*, Dorothy Man 40*s.*, Anne Johnson 40*s.*, Margery Elton 40*s.*, Alice Sheffelde 40*s.* Jane Fayrefax 33*s.* 4*d.*, Agnes Asselabye 33*s.* 4*d.*, Eliz. Parker 33*s.* 4*d.*, and Ellen Bayne 33*s.* 4*d.*, nuns. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 398.)

18 March, 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

LEASE to Robert Darkenall, of the household of the King, of the Priory of Nun Appleton, lately dissolved, with lands in Colton and Steton, for 21 years at the rent of 10*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 78.)

28 Nov., 33 Henry VIII. (1541).

GRANT in fee to Robert Darkenall of the site of the Priory of Nun Appleton, with the Church and lands pertaining in Apleton, Acastre, Bolton Percy, and Stillingfleet for 369*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* (Calendar, xvi., 642.)

33 Henry VIII. (1541).

LICENCE to Robert Darkenall to alienate the late Priory of Nounne Appleton, with the Church and lands (specified) in Appleton, Nounne Appleton, Acastre, Bolton Percy, and Stillingflete, which were granted to the said Robert by patent, 21 Nov., 33 Henry VIII. (1541), to Guy Fayrefax and Thos. Fayrefax and the heirs of the said Guy for ever. Pat., p. 3, m. 9. (Calendar, xvii., 163.)

8 Aug., 5 and 6 P. and M. (1558).

GRANT to Sir William Fairfax, kn^t, and Guy Geffreson, possessions of Nun Appleton, lands in Bilburghe. (Palmer's "Index," p. 171.)¹

¹ Upon the site Thomas, Lord Fairfax, built a handsome house which was purchased by Alderman Milner of Leeds, and continued in his family till it was recently sold to Sir Angus Holden, Bart.

NUNBURNHOLME.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Mary.

Probably founded by the ancestors of Roger de Merlay, Lord of Morpeth, or of Thomas de Greystock, before 1206.

SUPPRESSED.—In the list as under 200*l*.

VALUATION.—8*l*. 15*s*. 3*d*. (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 129.)

SUPPRESSION.—1536.

20 Nov., 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

PENSION.—Elizabeth Kilbourne 5 marks. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 232, p. 2.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1535), to the same Feast, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 4*l*. 14*s*. 10*d*., the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory signed by John Hessey, deputy of the above-said Elizabeth Kilborne, late Prioress. And with 10*l*. for the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses there. And with 10*s*. for 2 bells hanging in the belfry there. Also with 23*s*. 4*d*. for the grain in the granary there at the time of the survey, expended by the said late Prior [*sic*] before the dissolution. Also with 16*s*. 8*d*. for certain things likewise expended between the survey and the suppression, viz., 8 sheep 10*s*. 8*d*., 5 lambs 3*s*. 4*d*., 2 ewes 2*s*. 8*d*. Also with 55*s*. 8*d*., money received by the said late Prioress for divers things sold and expended there, not charged in the inventory, viz., 403 fleeces of wool, weighing 11½ stones, at 4*s*. 2*d*. a stone, 47*s*. 11*d*.; for 3 sheep's pelts 9*d*., and for the agistment of cattle 7*s*. Also with 35*l*. 14*s*. 11*d*., the price of the residue of the goods specified in the inventory, sold by the Commissioners to William Hungate, farmer, of the site of the Priory with the demesne lands, with 20*s*. increase. Total, 55*l*. 14*s*. 5*d*., with 75*s*. 8*d*. increase.

He charges himself with 6*l*. 16*s*., issues of the Priory due at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Ambrose

¹ In the Wilton-Beacon division of Harthill, three miles from Pocklington. Burton does not seem to mention the nunnery, and there is little known of it, and there are no remains.

There has lately been published "Nunburnholme and its History," by Rev. M. C. F. Morris, M.A., Rector of Nunburnholme, York, 1907.

Bekwith, collector of the rents there. Also with 62s. 9d. due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Dame Elizabeth Kilborne, late Prioress there. Also with 52s. 6d. received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 12l. 11s. 3d.

31 Oct., 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

LEASE to William Hungate of Nonneborneholme of the site of the Priory of Nunburnholm, dissolved, for 21 years at the rent of 4l. 13s. 0d. (Augmentation Books, vol. 211, p. 4.)

6 July, 33 Henry VIII. (1541).

GRANT to Thomas, Earl of Rutland, and Robert Tirwhite, esquire of the body, the late Priory of Nunborne Holme and its demesnes there in the tenure of Will. Hungate. (Calendar, xvi., 506.)

8 Dec., 33 Henry VIII. (1541).

LICENCE to Thomas, Earl of Rutland, and Robert Turwit, esquier of the body, to alienate the site and precinct and chief messuage of Nunborne Holme to Sir Arthur Darcy. (Calendar, xvi., 696.)

12 May, 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

LICENCE to Sir Arthur Darcy to alienate lands in Nonne Burnholme to Roger Sotheby.¹ (Calendar, xviii., i., 365.)

NUNKEELING.² BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene and St. Helen.

Founded by Agnes de Arches (de Catfosse) in the time of King Stephen, 1152.

¹ Roger Sotheby appears to have been son of John Sotheby of Pocklington, and to have made his will 8 April 1544; proved York, 20 Sept. 1546 (Test. Ebor., vi., 207). He left an only daughter, Margaret.

In 1840 Nunburnholme belonged partly to Lord Muncaster, but mostly to the Duke of Devonshire, lord of the manor (White's "Directory"). It seems to have passed into the hands of Charles Henry Wilson, Esq., who was created, 16 Jan. 1906, Lord Nunburnholme.

² In Holderness, six miles from Hornsea. There is a description of the Church, etc., in "Twelve Small Yorkshire Priors," by W. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 269). There is an engraving of the Church in Poulson's "Holderness," i., 386.

POSSESSIONS.—The Church of Nunkeeling.

VALUATION.—35*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 115.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

14 Dec., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

EXEMPTION.—Monastery or Priory of SS. Mary and Helen to continue with Joan Alenson, Prioress.

10 Sept., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER.—By Christina Burgh, Prioress, and the Convent, of all its possessions enrolled (Close Rolls, p. 3, No. 32), as acknowledged same day before John Uvedale and others, King's Commissioners. (Calendar, xiv., ii., 43.)

PENSIONS.—Christiana Burgh, Prioress, 8*l.*, Agnes Hall 46*s.* 8*d.*, Alice Stapleton 46*s.* 8*d.*, Mary Sigiswicke 46*s.* 8*d.*, Isabel Boyne or Baute 46*s.* 8*d.*, Joan Mason 40*s.*, Isabel Methame 30*s.*, Alice Thomlynson 30*s.*, Dorothy Wylberfosse 30*s.*, Johanna Bowman 30*s.*, Alice Sygeswyke 30*s.*, Johanna Hewthwaite 30*s.*, and Joan Clevynge 40*s.*, nuns. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 278b.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 26*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* received from William Grimsbon, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory, and from Sir Richard Gresham, knight, farmer of the rectory there.

He credits himself with payment of 56*s.* 8*d.*, the fee of Giles Burgh, steward of all the manors of the said Priory; 40*s.*, the fee of Leonard Bekwith; and 5*s.*, the fee of John Wood, clerk of the Court of Silkeston.

And with 6*s.* 8*d.* to the said Sir Richard Gresham for bread, wine, and wax expended in the Church. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

20 Aug., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

LEASE to Sir Richard Gresham, kn^t, of the Rectory of Nunkeeling for 21 years at the rent of 8*l.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 216.)

26 Aug., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT to Sir Richard Gresham, kn^t, of the site of the Priory of Nunkeeling with lands appertaining, and in Buholme, Beningholme, Catwyke, Waghen. (Calendar, xvi., 96.)

18 April, 35 Henry VIII. (1544).

GRANT to Sir Richard Gresham, kn^t, of the Rectory of Nunkeeling. (Calendar, xix., i., 280).

28 and 29 Elizabeth (1585).

FINE.—Thomas Cecill, k^t, (first Earl of Exeter), and Thomas Reade, Esq., plaintiffs, and Ann Gresham, widow, deforciant, the tithes and moiety of the manor and site of the late Monastery of Nunkeeling. (Yorks Rec. Ser., iii., 59.)¹

NUN-MONKTON.² BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Probably founded by William de Arches and Ivetta his wife, temp. King Stephen.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Askham-Richard,³ Kirk-Hamerton, Walton Chapel, St. George, York, Kirkby juxta Ouseburn, Naburn.

¹ Sir Richard Gresham was an eminent merchant in the reign of Henry VIII., with whom he had great financial dealings. He was a large purchaser of abbey lands. He died 1556. His second son, Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the Royal Exchange, London, seems to have been possessed of Nunkeeling Priory. According to the "Dictionary of National Biography" his wife was Anne, widow of William Read. Dame Anne Gresham levied a fine of a moiety of Nunkeeling, 31 Elizabeth, on the marriage of her grandson Thomas Read with Mildred, daughter of Sir Thomas Cecil, 1st Earl of Exeter. There are many abstracts of deeds after that time in Poulson's "Holderness" regarding the Berkeley, Devereux, and other families, till it was sold about 1707 to the Hudsons. It remained with them for a considerable time. T. C. Dixon, Esq., appears to be the present owner and patron of the living of Nunkeeling.

² In Claro wapentake, eight miles from York. The beautiful church still remains, and there are interesting accounts of it in "Yorkshire Churches," 1844, and Skaife's "Nidderdale," p. 27.

³ Present patrons: Askham Richard, W. F. Wailes Fairbairn, Esq.; Kirk Hamerton, E. W. Stanyforth, Esq.; Walton, G. L. Fox, Esq.; St. George, the Archbishop; Naburn, Rev. G. Palmes.

VALUATION.—75*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, v., 255.)¹

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

SURRENDER.—1536.

28 Henry VIII.

PENSION.—Joan Slingsby, Prioress, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 576.)

29 Henry VIII.

PAPER SURVEY of Income, etc., amounting to 132*l.* 15*s.* 0*¼d.* (Copy "Yorkshire Churches," ii., iii.)

ACCOUNT of William Blytheman, the King's Receiver in the Archdeaconry of Richmond, from 4 Feb., 27 Henry VIII. (1535-6), to Michaelmas, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

Nonnemonkton.

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

He answers for 335*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*, the price of goods and chattels sold, which do not include the jewels, lead, bells, and household goods found in the monastery at the time of the suppression, 11 June, 28 Henry VIII., as appears by indenture made by the King's Commissioners, because these were afterwards sold separately by the said Commissioners or reserved for the King's use. The goods sold comprise grain growing on the demesne lands at Kyrkehamerton; 2 wains and ploughs, with 12 draught oxen and other stock there, sold to the said Blitheman; grain at Nonne Monkton, sold to Sir Marmaduke Constable, the younger, knight; 3 wains, 3 ploughs, 26 draught oxen, 21 horses, sheep and other live stock there, sold to the said Constable; utensils in the house of the brethren, the hall, the great chamber, the kitchen, the chamber adjoining the great chamber, the parlour, the promptuary, the lower chamber, the brew-house, bake-house, and melting-house (*ustrina*), sold to Constable. But he has received from the Commissioners, and includes in the above sum, 59*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, the value of 281*¾* of silver found there, viz., of gold [*sic*] 107 oz., of parcel gilt 147*¼* oz., and of ungilt 52*½* oz.; also 136*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the estimated value of 41 fother of lead, viz., 80 pieces arising from the pulling down (*prostratione*) of the houses of the said

¹ There is a detailed account of the valuation in "Yorkshire Churches," ii., 108.

Priory, and one fother found in the ashes in burning and rolling (*molacione*) the said lead; and 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for 3 bells, estimated to weigh 700 lbs.; and 100*s.*, the estimated value of the timber, glass, and stone obtained at the pulling down aforesaid.

In wool (48 stones) by shearing, and in hides and pelts sold, 9*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

In rents, issues of land, etc., he received 74*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* in the 28th year, and 120*l.* 13*s.* 8½*d.* in the 29th year for farms due from Sir Marmaduke Constable for the demesne lands, the mill of Hamerton, and the Rectory of Monkton, for the Rectory of Kirkehamerton occupied by the accountant, for tithes of grain to Walton Chapel from William Gascon, for the issues of the Rectory of St. George of York, the farm of the Rectory of Askam Richard occupied by Christopher Norton, and rents of divers tenants. Sum total, 809*l.* 11*s.* 9½*d.* (Minister's Account, 7467.)

19 Sept., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Sir Marmaduke Constable of Flamburgh, the site of the Priory of Nunmonkton for 21 years at the rent of 5*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 9b.)

1 Feb., 29 Henry VIII. (1537-8).

LEASE to William Blytheman, gen., of lands in Kirk Hamerton, late of the Monastery of Nun-Monkton, for 21 years at the rent of 40*s.*, and of the Rectory of Kirk-Hamerton at the rent of 101*s.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 210, p. 60.)

12 Feb., 29 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT in exchange to Sir John Nevell,¹ Lord Latymer, of the reversions of the possessions leased to Sir Marmaduke

¹ John Neville, 3rd Lord Latimer of Snape, died 11 March 1542-3. His will, mentioning Nun Monkton, was proved at York 22 May 1543 (Test. Ebor., vi., 159). His son John, 4th Lord, left only daughters. The eldest, Katherine, married firstly Henry Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland, and secondly, to the disgust of her family, Francis Fitton of Binfield, co. Berks, her steward. She had Nun Monckton from her father, and died 1596. Fitton alienated or sold it to John Carvill. He proved his pedigree in 1612 (St. George's Visitation), being then described of Nun Monckton. It then passed to the Payler family. George Payler died 1678, having married Lady Maria Carey; their son or grandson Nathaniel Payler came into possession, and his daughter Mary Anne married George Cresener; their daughter Elizabeth married Samuel Tufnell, Esq., and had two sons, John and William Jolliffe, who had assumed that name and who appear to have had Nun Monckton, and died 1797. His nephew Samuel succeeded, dying 1820. In 1860 Isaac Crawhall, Esq., bought the estate from the Tufnells. (Burke's "Commoners," ii., 182, and Skaife's "Nidderdale.")

Constable of Flamburgh and Will. Blytheman, and the rents reserved in the leases of 25*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, 101*s.*, and 40*s.*, viz., the house and site of the late Priory of Nonnemonketon, the church, steeple, and all messuages, granges, etc., a corn mill and two grain mills on the water of Nydde, a fishery, the Rectories of Nonnemonketon and Kirkehamerton, of St. George in York, Walton, and Askham Richard, the manors of Monketon, Nonnemonketon, Kirke Hamerton, and various lands in Benynghurgh, Benyngton, Flyxton, Marton, Newton, Ripon, Thorp Underwood, Kirkleventon, Thorp Arch, City of York, etc., in as full manner as the late Prioress held the same, of the annual value of 149*l.* 6*s.* 4½*d.*, and are to be held by an annual rent of 14*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* in the name of tenth. (Calendar, xiii., 136. Pat., p. 1, m. 8.)

ST. MARTIN'S, RICHMOND.¹ CELL TO THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY, YORK.

Founded about 1100 by Wymer, Lord of Aske, sewer or chief steward to Stephen, Earl of Richmond, who gave the Chapel of St. Martin of Richmond, lands in Edlingthorp, Thornton, Forset, Scotton, etc., to St. Mary's Abbey, York. That monastery sent nine or ten Benedictine monks, who founded a cell. Other lands were added by the Earls of Richmond. The Priory, though a cell subordinate in spiritual matters to St. Mary's Abbey, acted in other matters as an independent society. It was richly endowed, and generally contained about nine or ten monks, who paid a yearly pension as acknowledgment of subjection. As for the rest of the revenues they had them for their own use, as appears from their own rent roll or *compotus* distinct from that of the mother Church, and from several grants of a late date to the Priory of St. Martin, without any mention of the Abbey of St. Mary.²

VALUATION.—43*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

SUPPRESSION.—In the list under 200*l.* per annum.

¹ About half a mile from Richmond, on the southern bank of the river. There are but few remains. There is a copy of the charters in Clarkson's "Richmond," and a list of possessions, which is also in Burton's "Monasticon."

² Clarkson's "Richmond," 335.

SURRENDER.—By John Mathew, last Prior.

ACCOUNT of Sir Roger Cholmeley, knight, the King's farmer there, from Mich. 31 (1539), to Mich., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

He answers for 4*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, the farm of the demesne lands, including the site of the said late cell, which, with orchard and gardens, covers about an acre, closes called Rampeynge ridding, Bordall close, Estcote leez, Mawde rayne, Thortyard ba[nke?], Bakehouse flatte, the Holme, the Ooce pasture, the Ortyardes, Monkegarthes and Pounce garthes, and Catell flattes, as demised to the said farmer by lease under the seal of the Court of Augmentations.

Also for 22*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* for rents of tenements in Monkeby with Sandbek, in the tenure of Richard Carter, James Manne (who rents the water-mill), Richard Swaledale, John Wilkynson, Thomas Sissotson, Thomas Carthwayte, William Swaledale, William Hewbanke, John Sympson, Elizabeth Clerkeson, widow, Thomas Cooke, William Colynge, Anthony Teesdale, William Hawthorne, John Teesdale, Elizabeth Calverd, widow, Thomas Corner, and William Neleson; and of tenements in Hawkyswell, Langton, Huddeswell, the borough of Richmond, Oldeburgh, and Kirkeby (part of these entries being illegible).

Also for 113*s.* in tithes from the late Priories and Monasteries of Marrik, Coverhame, St. Agatha, and St. Gervasia. (Minister's Account, 4595.)

[No date.]

LEASE to Sir Roger Cholmeley of London, of the house and site of the Priory or cell of St. Martin near Richmond, belonging to the Monastery of the Blessed Mary, city of York, with all its possessions, at the rent of 44*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, 212, p. 146b.)

10 June, 4 Edward VI. (1553).

GRANT of the Priory and cell of the Blessed Mary, with lands in Monkeby, Sandbeck, Hawkswell, Richmond, East Appleton, to Edward Fynes, kn^t, Lord Clinton and Saye,¹ Lord High Admiral, on his paying rent of 3*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* to the

¹ Edward Fiennes, Lord Clinton and Saye, created Earl of Lincoln 4 May 1572, K.G., Lord High Admiral, had many grants of Abbey lands. He died 16 Jan. 1584-5. (See "Dict. Nat. Biog.")

King yearly, and 5*l.* a year to a priest to perform the cure within the Church of St. Martin and Monkby. (Palmer's "Index," p. 98.)¹

ROSEDALE.² BENEDICTINE OR CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Mary and St. Lawrence.

Founded by Robert de Stutville in the reign of Richard I.

SUPPRESSION.—List under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—37*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

SURRENDER.—Before 10 Oct., 30 Henry VIII. (1538). (Calendar, xiii., ii., 502.)

PENSION.—Mary Marshall, Prioress, 6*l.* (Augmentation Books, p. 232.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver from Mich. 1539 to Mich. 1540.

He charges himself with 26*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, issues of the Priory at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Robert Hill, collector of the rents there. Also with 23*l.* 3*s.* 9½*d.* due at Whitsuntide, received and expended by Dame Mary Marshall, late Prioress there. Also with 74*s.* 6*d.* due from Richard Thomson, farmer of the site of the Priory, with the demesne lands, and not paid. Total, 53*l.* 16*s.* 1½*d.*

He charges himself with 9*l.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels, as appears by the inventory under the hand of the said Mary Marshall, late Prioress. Also with 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses there. And with 10*s.* for 2 bells hanging in the belfry. Also with 9*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* for sundry things expended by the Prioress

¹ 8 Nov., 1 Mary (1553). Lord Clinton sold the same soon after for 800*l.* to William Pepper, Esq., and to Cuthbert Walker and William his son of Richmond, yeomen. The estate was then divided, William Pepper to have the site of the cell with garden and orchards. His descendants have sold them to various persons. William Walker sold his part to the Hospital of St. John the Baptist at Kirby Ravensworth, which it enjoys at the present day. (Clarkson's "Richmond," 343.)

² In the parish of Middleton in the wapentake of Pickering Lythe, seven miles from Kirkby Moorside. There are some remains.

between the survey and the suppression, viz., 1 cow 9s., 3 young oxen 15s., 2 calves 4s., 2 mares 13s. 4d., 78 sheep 6l. 10s., and divers other small things 17s. 1d. Also with 32l. 8s., the price of the rest of the goods, specified in the inventory, sold by the Commissioners to Richard Thomson of London, farmer of the site of the Priory with the demesne lands, with 40s. increase. Total, 64l. 13s. 1d., with 40s. increase.

20 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to William Smythdeyke, of the household of the King, the site of the Priory of Rosedale for 21 years at the rent of 7l. 9s. 0d. (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 9.)

10 June, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

LEASE to John Barwyk, of the household of Rosedale Priory and lands there which were leased 20 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536), to W^m Smythwyk; transferred to Sir John Bowmer (Bulmer), and by him forfeited. (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 103.)

6 July, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT to Ralph,¹ Earl of Westmorland, in tail of the reversions and rents received of the Crown leases, viz., to John Berwyke of the household, 10 June 1537, of the house and lands of the dissolved Priory of Rosedale for 21 years at 103s. 4d.; to the said John of a tenement in Rosedale for 21 years at 46s. 8d. rent; and of the Manor of Rosedale and the Rectory of Thorpenowe, belonging to the said Priory, and the house, site of the late Priory of Keldom, and all lands in Rosedale, Thorpenowe, Keldom, Thornton, Pikring, Newton, and Swynnyngton Regis belonging to the said Prioress of Rosedale and Keldom, clear annual value 90l. 15s. 9d.; rent of 24l. 2s. 5d. (Calendar, xiii., 564.)

23 Feb., 13 Elizabeth (1570-1).

GRANT to Ambrose,² Earl of Warwick, and his heirs, of the

¹ Ralph Nevile, 4th Earl of Westmorland. He died 21 April 1549; buried at Staindrop. Grandfather of the last Earl, who was in the "Rebellion of the North."

² Younger son of John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, who was beheaded 1553. He was a favourite of Queen Elizabeth, and was created, 25 Dec. 1561, Lord Lisle, and the next day Earl of Warwick. He died s.p., when his honours became extinct, 20 or 21 Feb. 1589-90.

In 1840 nearly all the property in Rosedale belonged to Rev. Geo. S. Penfold, Lord of the Manor. (White's "Directory.")

Manor of Rosedale, part of the possessions of Charles, late Earl of Westmorland, attinct, belonging to the late Priory. (Palmer's "Index," p. 205.)

18 Elizabeth (1576).

FINE.—The Queen, plaintiff, and Ambrose, Earl of Warwick, K.G., and Anne his wife, deforciant. Manor of Rosedale, 40 messuages, 6 mills with lands. (Yorks Rec. Ser., v., 88.)

SAWLEY.¹ CISTERCIAN ABBEY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by William de Perci, the third Lord Perci.²

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Tadcaster and Gargrave, Chapel of Hazlewood.

SUPPRESSION.—As under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—147*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 144.)

SURRENDER.—1536.

28 Henry VIII.

PENSION.—Thomas Bolton, 20*l.* (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 232, p. 27.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1535), to the same Feast, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 72*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there. Also with 300*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*, the price of the rest of the goods, together with the lead and bells, sold by the King's officers to Sir Arthur Darcy, knight. Total, 373*l.* 11*d.*

He does not charge himself with any profits thereof, because

¹ Three miles from Clitheroe, on the east bank of the river Ribble.

² He is said to have been buried at Sawley.

Sir Arthur Darcy, knight, has received the same for the whole time of this account, by what warrant the accountant does not know, and Sir Arthur ought to answer the same to the King. And he answers below. Total, nothing.

9 May, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT to Sir Arth. Darcy in fee simple (in exchange for the Manor of Grenesnorton Northt., granted him 28 May, 27 Henry VIII.), viz., the site, circuit, and precinct of the Monastery of St. Mary, Sawley, Yorks, dissolved; the lordships or manors of Staynforth, Langcliff, and Stanton; the manor and forest of Gisbourne; a moiety of the manor of Bolton; annual rent of 4*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* from the vill of Grynleton; teneiments and messuages in Brandford, Chepyng, Waddyngton, Wourston, Chatsbourne, Downham, Renyngton, Gaisgill, Lytton, Barneby, Rassemell, Cottill, Pathern, Newstune, Swynden, Ilklaye, Farneleaye, Halton, par. of Whitkirk, Catterton, Sledebourne, Dutton; rents in Whitwourthe; the advowsons and rectories of Tadcaster and Gargrave; a rent of 53*s.* 4*d.* due to the late Abbot by the Abbot of Fornes; and all other lands which belonged to the said Monastery of Sawley. (Calendar, xiii., 409.)

16 Sept., 2 Elizabeth (1560).

Sir Arthur Darcy leaves by his will "the demeane landes of the late monasterie of Salley" to his son Henry Darcy.

3 Elizabeth (1560-1).

INQUISITION found that Henry Darcy held the site of Salley and manor of Langcliffe by Knight's service.

12 Elizabeth (1569-70).

INQUISITION that the above Henry Darcy held the manors of Grangemoor and Gisborne, granges of Ellingthorpe and Pathorne and the rectory of Gargrave.

24 Elizabeth (1582).

FINE.—The Queen, plaintiff; Henry Darcy, k^t, and Katherine his wife, deforciant. Manor of Sawley¹ and 60 messuages, etc. (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 185.)

¹ Sawley Abbey must have reverted to the Crown, for in 13 James I. (1615-6) Sir James Hay, Knt., created Baron Salley and Earl of Carlisle, owned the monastery, probably by grant from the Crown. He died

SKEWKIRK.¹ CELL TO THE AUGUSTIN PRIORY OF NOSTELL.

The Chapel of All Saints with some lands here, being given to the Priory of Nostell by Geoffrey Fitz-Pain before A.D. 1114, some Canons were sent to reside. (Tanner's "Notitia," 646.)

VALUATION.—8*l*. (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 64.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l*. per annum.

2 March, 30 Henry VIII. (1539).

GRANT to Thomas Legh, LL.D., of the whole house and site.

1 and 2 P. and M. (1544-5).

FINE.—Thomas Ferneham, gent., and Thomas Wright, plaintiffs, and Thomas Leigh,² Esq., deforciant. Manors of St. Oswald de Nostell and Bramham Byggyng; also the Manor of Skewkirke and 3 messuages, 2 cottages, and a water-mill, with lands there and in Merstone and Tolwyth. (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 184.)

8 and 9 Elizabeth (1566).

FINE.—John Browne, Esq., plaintiff, and James Blunt, k^t, Lord Mountjoye,³ and Katherine his wife, deforciantes. Manors

25 April 1636, and his son James Hay succeeded as 2nd Earl of Carlisle, and married Margaret Russell, daughter of 4th Earl of Bedford. In his will (1660) he left Sawley to Edward Russell and Arthur Fleetwood equally, but there seem to have been very complicated arrangements, as the Greville family got possession.

William Weddell afterwards purchased Sawley, and left it to Lord Grant-ham, from whom it has descended to Lord Lucas, the present owner.

¹ In the township of Tockwith, parish of Bilton, deanery of Ainsty. There is now a farm-house built out of the remains (see Skaife's "Nidderdale"). Skewkirk was a cell to Nostell, but it must have been in a certain independent position so as to be separately placed in the list of Priories to be dissolved.

² Sir Thomas Leigh, the original grantee, left by will, 9 March 1544-5, his estates to his nephews Thomas and William. Thomas the nephew conveyed his interest in Skewkirk to Jane, wife of Sir Thomas Chaloner, widow of his uncle. Her daughter Catherine Leigh married Lord Mountjoy, who, as by the above fines, appears to have sold Skewkirk. (Hunter's "South Yorkshire," ii., 211.)

³ James Blount, 6th Lord Mountjoy, married about 1568 Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh of St. Oswald's. She was buried 25 June 1576, at the Grey Friars, London. Lord Mountjoy died about 1581. (G. E. C.'s "Peerage.")

of Skokyrk and Bramam Byggyng, and 12 messuages and 2 mills, etc. (Yorks Rec. Ser., i., 327.)

9 Elizabeth (1566).

FINE.—Edward Beseley,¹ gent., plaintiff, and James Blunte, k^t, Lord Mountjoye, and Katherine his wife. "De scitu sive Cella" de Skewkyrke als. Skokyrke, and 6 messuages, 6 cottages, and a water-mill, with lands and free fishing in the water of the Nydde in the same, and in Bylton, Tockwith, Merston, and Grenehamerton. (Yorks Rec. Ser., ii., 340.)

15 Elizabeth (1573).

FINE.—Christopher Neleson, plaintiff, and Edward Beseley, gent., and Brigitt his wife, deforciantes. Manor of Skewkirke and 6 messuages and 2 mills, fishing in the Nydd, lands in Bilton, Tockwith, Marston, and Kirkehamerton. (Yorks Rec. Ser., v., 33.)

19 and 20 Elizabeth (1577).

FINE.—Thomas Harryson,² Esq., plaintiff, and Christopher Nelson, Esq., and Mary his wife, deforciantes. Manor of Skewkyrke and messuages, lands, etc. (as above). (Yorks Rec. Ser., v., 107.)

SWINE.³ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Robert de Verli before the end of King Stephen.

POSSESSIONS.—The Church of Swine.

¹ There is a pedigree of Besley of Skelton in Glover's "Visitation" (Foster's Edition, 218), in which it is stated that Edward Besley married Bridget, daughter of William Nelson of Skelton, as his second wife.

² Skewkirk was bought about 1600 by one John Tennant from Thomas Harrison, and continued in the Tennant family for some generations. The last one to hold the property was Henry Tennant, who sold it to Andrew Montagu, Esq., in 1832. It now belongs to F. J. O. Montagu, Esq. (Information, F. W. Slingsby, Esq.)

³ In Holderness. There is a description of the buildings by William Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix.) See also Tanner's "Notitia," and Burton's "Monasticon," 253.

Most of Swine is the property of the Earl of Shaftesbury.

VALUATION.—35*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 115.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.*

1 Oct. 1537.

EXEMPTION.—The Priory of Swine to be exempt from suppression. Helen Deyne to be Prioress. (Calendar, xii., ii., 309.)

9 Sept., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

SURRENDER by Dorothy, the Prioress, and the convent of the Priory and all its possessions. Acknowledged before John Uvedale and others, King's Commissioners. (Calendar, xiv., ii., 42.)

20 Feb., 31 Henry VIII. (1540).

PENSIONS.—Dorothea Knyght, Prioress, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, Alice Smyth, Eliz. Clyfton, 66*s.* 8*d.*, Eliz. Clytheroo, Barbara Pulley, 53*s.* 4*d.*, Marg. Whitefeld, Eliz. Thorne, 60*s.*, Isabella Jenkinson 53*s.*, Martha Battell, Eliz. Grymston, Eliz. Arte, 46*s.* 8*d.*, Dorothea Stapleton, Eliz. Ellesley, Eliz. Patrike, Eliz. Copelay, Eliz. Tyas, Mary Banke, Cecilia Swale, Dorothy Tomlynson, Alice Nicolson, 40*s.*, nuns. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 345.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 147*l.* 19*s.* 11½*d.* received from Thomas Constable, collector of the farms and rents belonging to the said late Priory, and from Sir Richard Gresham, knight, farmer of divers lands and tenements there, and of the rectory for this year.

He credits himself with payments of annuities, viz., to William Escryke, Chaplain, 4*l.*, Leonard Bekwith 40*s.*, William Babthorpe, Esq., 26*s.* 8*d.*, Marmaduke Faux 4*l.*, John Wood, clerk of the Court of Swyne and Skirlaugh, 13*s.* 4*d.*

And with 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Richard Wryght, Vicar of Swyne, for bread, wine, and wax, according to a composition made between him and Dorothy, late Prioress, 8 Jan. 1538[-9]; and 56*s.* 8*d.* to William Walder, Chaplain, celebrating in the chapel of South Skirlaugh, for the inhabitants of South and

North Skirlagh, Arnold, and Runton in the parish of Swyne, in which chapel there were formerly two chaplains celebrating in the two chantries founded there [etc.]. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

20 Aug., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

LEASE to Sir Richard Gresham of London of 39 cottages in Swine; South Skyrlegh Manor with certain cottages; lands in Riston and Holme on the Wold; Benyngholme Grange in the parish of Swyne, and Swyne Rectory and tithes. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 212, p. 195.)

1 Oct., 32 Henry VIII. (1540).

GRANT to Sir Richard Gresham, kn^t, of the site of the Monastery and Church, with lands appertaining, and in Dripole, Sutton, Welburgh, Lound, Lanthorpe. (Calendar, xvi., 96.)

9 April, 35 Henry VIII. (1544).

GRANT to Sir Richard Gresham and Sir Richard Southwell of the site and demesnes of Swine Priory, granges, and lands. (Calendar, xix., i., 279.)

18 April, 35 Henry VIII. (1544).

EXCHANGE to the Crown by Sir Richard Gresham of Swine Priory for Nunkeeling Priory and other lands. (Calendar, xix., i., 280.)

15 June, 38 Henry VIII. (1546).

GRANT in fee to Sir Richard Gresham of the Rectory of Swine, the advowson of the vicarage which used to be retained in the hands of the Prioress. (Calendar, xxi., 1.)

3 July, 3 and 4¹/P. and M. (1557).

GRANT to Sir John Constable and Henry his son of the site of the Monastery of Swyne, late the lands of Sir Richard Gresham, kn^t, to be held of the Queen *in capite*. (Palmer's "Index," p. 139.)

4 May 1557.

VALUATION.—Farm and site of the monastery containing by estimation 172 acres; a parcel of land called Banstede; Wolburghe Grange, 297 acres; pasture in Sutton, 37 acres, let to William Bolton and Richard Fayrecliff in reign of Edward VI. for 21 years. The premises lyethe not nere any of the King and Queenes houses reserved for their accesse; what woodes or mynes belongethe to the premisses I knowe not. The seid parcell lyethe in a good soyle.

Ex^d by me Anthonius Rowe, Auditor.

The clere yerely value of the premisses lij^{li} xv^s iiij^d, which rated at xxix yeres purchase amountethe to m8xxx^{li} iiij^s viij^d, the money to be paid in hand before the 22 of May 1557. The King and Quenes Maiesties to discharge the purchaser of all charges and incumbrances made or done by their Majesties except leses. The purchaser to discharge the King and Quene of all fees and reprises goyng out of the premisses. The tenure in chefe by knightes servyce. The purchaser to have thissues from the fest of the Annunciation of our Lady last past. The purchaser to be bound for the woodes, the leade, belles, and advousons to be excepted, the mynes to be excepted.

Will^m Petre, Francis Englefylde, Jo. Bakere, Edm. Waldgrave. (Harleian MS. 606, 22.)

SYNINGTHWAITE.¹ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin.

Founded by Bertram Haget about 1160. Confirmed by Roger de Mowbray, his lord, and the Archbishop of York. (Burton.)

POSSESSIONS.—Church of Bilton, given by Gundred, daughter of Bertram Haget.

SUPPRESSION.—In the list under 200*l.* per annum.

¹ In the parish of Bilton, four miles from Wetherby. "The little house of Sinningthwaite was, if I may be allowed to use the term, the most aristocratic of the Yorkshire nunneries. Ladies who had in their veins some of the best blood in the north of England, were always to be found within its walls." (Canon Raine, *Test. Ebor.*, ii., 272.) It is now only a farm-house, but a beautiful Norman doorway is still in existence.

VALUATION.—60*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 4.)

SURRENDER.—1536.

13 Nov., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

PENSION.—Katherine Foster, Prioress, 10 marks. (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 29.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver, Leonard Beckwith, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 27 Henry VIII. (1535), to the same Feast, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

He charges himself with 42*s.* 4*d.*, the price of "le plate" and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory subscribed by the said Katherine Foster, late Prioress. Also with 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the price of the lead on the roof of the Church and of the other houses. And with 3*s.* 4*d.*, the price of one small bell hanging in the belfry. And with 9*s.*, the price of 9 sheep in the pasture there at the time of the survey, expended by the Prioress before the suppression. And with 47*s.*, the price of divers things sold and expended by the Prioress and not charged in the inventory, viz., hides and pelts of beasts and sheep bought and expended there by the Prioress, 9*s.*; for a certain parcel of wood sold, 8*s.*; two cows, 30*s.* Also with 52*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*, the price of the rest of the goods and chattels, according to the inventory, sold by the Commissioners to Sir Thomas Tempest, knight, farmer of the site of the Priory and of the demesne lands, with 106*s.* 8*d.* increase. Total, 90*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.*, with 7*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* increase.

And he charges himself with 29*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.* of the issues of the Priory due at St. Martin (as above), as appears by the account of Ambrose Bekwith, collector of the rents there. Also with 21*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* due at Whitsuntide, and received and expended by Dame Katherine Foster, late Prioress there. Also with 6*l.* 12*d.* due from Sir Thomas Tempest, knight, farmer of the site of the said Priory with the demesne lands, but not paid. Also with 9*l.* 14*s.* 2½*d.* received from the said collector of the issues of his office this year. Total, 67*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

He charges himself with 18*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* due from divers persons for arrears of rent at the dissolution, viz., from Sir Oswald Willesthroppe, knight, 16*l.*; John Calbek, 10*s.*; William Taylor, living in Conystreate in the city of York, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Abney of Womwell, 36*s.*

10 June, 29 Henry VIII. (1537).

LEASE to Chr. Joye of London, of Bykerton (? Bilton)

Rectory for 21 years at the rent of 100s. (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 87.)

23 Dec., 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT to Robert Tempest of Holmesett, Durham, nephew of Sir Thomas Tempest of Holmesett, of the dissolved Priory of Synningthwaite in the city of York, and certain closes in Synningthwaite, Walton, Bickerton, and Bilton as fully as Katherine Foster, the late Prioress, enjoyed the same. (Calendar, xiii., 496.)

5 July, 5 and 6 P. and M. (1558).

VALUATION of the house and site of Synningthwaite, rated for the lords Wharton, which had been granted 17 Sept., 30 Henry VIII., to Robert Tempest of Holmesett, ar. The estate of the tenant is before mencyoned duryng which estate the Quenes Ma^{tie} hathe no further comodytie but the rent reserved and the tenure of Knyghtes service. I am enformed aswell by the reporte of credable persones as by thothe of Michaell Tempest, gent., sone and heyre to the above Robte Tempest, that he ys yet lyvyng and hathe also foure other sones all lyvyng. The clere yerely value of the seyte xijl. ijs. which ratyd at iiij yeres purchase amountythe to xlvijl. viijs. and the clere yerely value of the rente reservyd xxiijs. iijd. which rated at xx^u yeres amountyth to xxiiijl. vs., and so thole ys lxxijl. xiijs., the money to be paid in viij dayes. The tenure in chyef by Knyghtes service. The purchaser to have the issues of the seyte of the priorve from the deathe of the foresaid Robte Tempest, Esq., and his heyres males and the rente reservyd from the feaste of St. John Baptyst last paste. The leade, belles and advowson to be exceptyd.

Tho^s Cornwalleys, John Bakere, Wa. Myldmaye.

Ex^d viij June 1558 per me Antho. Rowe, Auditor. (Harl. MS. 608, 56.)

8 Aug., 5 and 6 P. and M. (1558).

GRANT to Thomas, Lord Wharton,¹ of the Priory of Synningthwaite, with lands in Walton, Bickerton, Bilton, etc. (Palmer's "Index," p. 179.)

¹ Synningthwaite was bequeathed by Philip, Lord Wharton, to trustees for the support of a Bible Charity. The "Bible Lands" were sold in 1871 to A. F. W. Montagu, Esq. (Speight's "Lower Wharfedale," 357.)

THICKHEAD.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Roger Fitz-Roger in the time of King Richard I.

VALUATION.—20*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 94.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list under 200*l.* per annum.

SURRENDER.—27 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—Agnes Bekwyth, Prioress, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, Alice Yong 33*s.* 4*d.*, Marg^t Kychynman and Ellene Starkye 26*s.* 8*d.* each, Matilda Chapman, Agnes Hunsley, Marjory Swale, Isabella Cawton, and Elene Fysher, nuns, 20*s.* each. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 268b.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 20*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* received from William Horom, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory for this year.

He credits himself with payment of 53*s.* 4*d.* for a corrody to Henry Wilkynson, Chaplain. (Ministers' Accounts, 4644.)

20 Feb., 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

LEASE to William Wytham of Derlyngton in the bishopric of Durham, the house and site of the Priory of Thikhede, lately dissolved, at the rent of 6*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 49b.)

33 Henry VIII. (1541-2).

REQUEST by John Aske to purchase the site and demesnes of Thickhead. (Deputy Keeper's 9th Report, 159.)

¹ Thicket is in the parish of Thorganby, nine miles from York and Pocklington. There is an account of the buildings in "Twelve Small Yorkshire Priors," by W. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 201.)

1 April, 33 Henry VIII. (1542).

GRANT to John Aske of Aughton of the late Priory of Thykhede with its windmill and lands there, and at West Cot-tyngworth, at rent of 13s. 4d. (Calendar, xvii., p. 283.)¹

WARTER.² AUGUSTIN PRIORY.

Dedicated to St. James.

Founded by Geoffrey Fitz-Payn or Trusbut in 1132.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Lund and Warter.

VALUATION.—144*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

SUPPRESSION.—1536, when there were about ten canons.

PENSION.—William Holme 22*l.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 33.)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver.

He charges himself with 800*l.* due from Thomas, Earl of Rutland, to the King, as the price of all and singular the goods and chattels belonging to the Priory, as appears by the inventory under the hand of Sir William Holme, late Prior there, therein valued at 524*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and sold to the Earl by Sir Richard Rich, kt., Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations, for 800*l.*, with an increase of 275*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Total, 800*l.*, with 275*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* increase.

He does not charge himself with any profit therefrom, because Thomas, Earl of Rutland, has received all the issues and profits thereof by virtue of the King's letters patent, not yet delivered to the King's auditor. But he charges himself

¹ It afterwards came to the Robinson family. Humphry Robinson, son of John Robinson of London, was of Thicket, and was buried at Wheldrake 1626. The fourth in descent, Nicholas Robinson, died 1754, leaving his property to his illegitimate daughter Sarah Brearer, with reversion to his nephew Hugh Palliser. (Dugdale's "Visitation Continued," iii., 171.) In Burton's time the proprietor was Henry Waite, Esq. It now belongs to the Jefferson family.

² In the division of Harthill, five miles from Pocklington. The site was excavated in 1899 by W. St. J. Hope, M.A. (See "East Riding Society's Transactions," viii., 40.)

with 12*l.* 18*d.* due from the said Earl, and reserved to the Crown in the name of a tithe, payable yearly at Michaelmas, as in the said letters patent more at large appears. Total, 12*l.* 18*d.*

INVENTORY of the vestments, jewels, plate, etc.

Thes er the westimentes, coppes, with all other ornamentes belongyng onto monastery of Wartre.

Furst one sute of reid welvet, one for the prest, decane and sub-decane, and one coppe of the seid reid welvet, and for the chanterers two coppes of flowred damaske with vij other coppes appertenyng on the resydew of the mynysteres of the qweire of redde satan of burgions.

Also one sute of sanguine welvet, one coppe, vestimentes for the prest, decane and sub-decane of the same. Also two copes of blew welvet for the chanterers.

Also one sutte of blew sylke called the watter bowges (*the arms of the Roos family*), a cope for the prest, also westimentes for the seid prest, sub-decane, decane, and also coppes for the chanterers of the forseid watter bowges.

Also for the prest, decane, and sub-decane, westimentes of blew welvet purfeild.

Also copes of blew satan, other wais callyed Catt of Montans, for the prest and for the chanterers, with westimentes for the prest, decane and sub-decane of the forseid sathan, with no more of thes remanyng.

Also one old sute of blew sattan off burgions, coppes for the prest and chanterers, and also for the prest, decane and sub-decane, westimentes of the seid blew sattan, with no more of thes remanyng.

Also one sute for the prest, decane and sub-decane, of whitt sylke, and one cope for the prest, and vj copes of whitt buschan for the chanterers and for the resydew of the ministeres of the qwere.

Also one sute of blake worseitt coppes and westimentes for the prest, decane and sub-decane, with the chanterers and viij for the resydew of the ministeres in the qwere, with no more of thes with us remanyng.

Also one sute copes and westimentes for the prest, decane and sub-decane, with the chanterers of grene sattan. No more of thes with us remanyng.

Also one cope and westimentes of gold cloth of tyssue for the prest, decane and sub-decane.

Also one westiment and the ornaumentes to prest and
 Of no value. decane for festival dayes and Sundayes, and
 Given to also for the prest and decane of and
 the Chanons. one westment of blake worseid for morow
 messe of requiem dayly.

Also for vij auters with vij westimentes with all other
 ornaumentes necessarye belongyng to them singularlye.

Thes er the jewelles with the platt belongyng to the monas-
 tery of Wartre.

In my Lordes handes.	{	In primis one salte with coveryng	xxviiij onces.
		Item one calix	xxxj "
		Item alter calix	xix et dimid onces.
		Item one peice	xv onces.
		Item one gret masser called Jacob	
		Item thre dowsan sponnes	xlviij onces.
		Item alter calix	xv "
		Item alius calix	xv et dimid onces.
		Item alter calix	xvij onces.
		Item alius calix	xv "
		Item alter calix	xiiij "
		Item Saynt Jamys hand	xxvij et dimid onces.
		Item one paire of sensores	xxxiiij onces.
		Item thresaltes with one coveryng	xx "
		Item one scheipe	xiiij "
		Item one paire candilstykes	l "
		Item one croce	lvj "
		Item one flatt pyce	x "
		Item one croce fote with the stalke	xxx "
		Item one salte and two cruettes	xxxj "
		Item one calix	xix et dimid onces.
		Item one peice with the coveryng	xxiiij onces.
		Item alter peice	xj "
		Item one paire sensores	xxviiij "

INVENTORY of oxen, calves, horses, sheep, and swine.

"This is a trew certificacion of the lenthe and breid of our
 church, with all other howses coveryd with leyd belongyng onto
 the monastery of Wartre.

The croce church, of breid xij yerdes; of lenthe
 xl yerdes.

Item the qwere in lenthe xxviiij yerdes; of breid
 ix yerdes.

Item the clauster rundabout lxxxxvj yerdes; of breid
 iiij yerdes.

Item the chapitor, of lenthe xiiij yerdes; of breid vij yerdes.

Item the dorter, of lenthe xxxiiij yerdes; of breid ix yerdes.

Item the hall, of lenthe xxxiiij yerdes; of breid ix yerdes.

Item Master Prior's chawmier, of lenthe xvj yerdes; of breid ix yerdes.

Item one garner, of lenthe xvij yerdes; of breid viij yerdes.

Item the fratre, of lenthe xxvij yerdes; of breid ix yerdes.

Item a nother garner, of lenthe xxxiiij yerdes; of breid xij yerdes.

Of thes hows afore writtyng, thre are scupe ruffid, that is the church, dorter, and the hall, and other thre of these are basterd, that is the Master Prior chawmer and the two garners, and the fratre flatt ruffid.

Of thes iij^{or} [*sic*] are up rewifd, that is the croce church, the chapitor, the quere, and the hall, and all other are flatt ruffid. (The Duke of Rutland's MSS., Historical Manuscripts Commission, vol. i., 28.)¹

2 Sept., 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

GRANT to Thomas,² Earl of Rutland, in tail of the site, etc., of the dissolved Priory of St. James Wartre *alias* Waulter, and of the dissolved hospital and free chapel of St. Giles in Beverley, the Church, bell towers, bells, lead, and churchyard of the Priory, and the Church and churchyard of the hospital; and all messuages, houses, etc., belonging to the said Priory and hospital, the lordships or manors of Wartre, Seton, Wheldrake, Preston in Holdernes, Waxham, Frasthorp, and Awbourne; the rectories of Wartre, Lound, and St. Giles in Beverley; Barton and Askham, Westmor; the moiety of the rectory of Ulsby, Linc.; the advowsons of the churches of Wartre and Lounde, Barton and Askham; and all messuages and lands which belonged to Wm. Holme, late Prior of the said Priory, and to Th. Smith, late master of the said hospital, in right of their houses in Wartre, Seton, Holme in Spawdyngmore, Northcave, Meltyngby, Rudston, Burneholme, Burneby, Hay-

¹ It has been thought worth while to print the above Inventory, as it shews what valuable vestments and plate some of the small priories must have had.

² Thomas Manners, 2nd Duke of Rutland, died 20 Sept. 1543.

ton, Beilby, Southclyff, Thexer, Riplyngham, Bentley, Busshopburton, Riddings, Moscrofte, Cheriburton, Etton, Neuton Garth, juxta Garthum, Beswyke, Sorbrugh, Cranswyke, Lounde, Middelton, Northdalton, Hugget, Hobbescroft, Newton, Wilberfosse, Sutton, Wheldrake, Lyngcrofte, Fowforth, Nabourne, Kylwike Percy, Preston in Holdernes, Waxham, Tunstall, Frasthorp, Awbourne, Risby, Skitby, Cotyngnam, Aldbrugh, and Cheriburton; in the city of York; in Feryby, Willerby, Heysell, Swandland, and Elley, in Ulsby, Linc.; and in Barton, Askham, and Clifton, Westmer; with views of Frankpledge, etc. Annual value 187*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*, to be held at a rent of 121*l.* 18*d.* by way of tenth. (Calendar, xi., 207.)

8 March, 32 Henry VIII. (1541).

Grant in fee of the above. (Calendar, xvi., 325.)

17 Elizabeth (1575).

FINE.—Juliana Holcroft, wid., Thomas Manners, kt., John Manners, Esq., Gilbert Gerrard, Esq., Attorney-General to the Queen, Thomas Holcrofte, Esq., and Thomas Markham, plaintiffs, and Edward, Earl Rutland, deforciant. Manors of Warter, etc., and the late Priory of Warter and the rectories of Warter and Lownde. (Yorks Record Ser., ii., 68.)

WILBERFOSS.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded, it is said, before 1153, by Alan son of Helias de Calton.

POSSESSIONS.—Church of Wilberfoss, Chapel of Newton upon Derwent.

VALUATION.—21*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 142.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum.

¹ In Wilton-Beacon division of Harthill, five miles from Pocklington. There is a description of the buildings in "Twelve Small Yorkshire Pories," by Wm. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 204.)

SURRENDER.—20 Aug., 21 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—Eliz. Lorde, Prioress, 8*l.*, Ellen Rede 33*s.* 4*d.*, Agnes Barton 33*s.* 4*d.*, Alice Metcalf 26*s.* 8*d.*, Margery Broune 26*s.* 8*d.*, Alice Thornewton 20*s.*, Joan Andrewe 26*s.* 8*d.*, Isabel Creik 26*s.* 8*d.*, Beatrice Hargill 26*s.* 8*d.*, and Sitha Cotys 20*s.*, nuns. (Augmentation Misc. Books, vol. 234, p. 345b.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

Wilberfosse late Priory.

He answers for 37*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* received from John Bekwith the elder, deputy of John Bekwith the younger, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory for this year.

He credits himself with payment of 20*l.* in pensions to Elizabeth Lorde, late Prioress, Ellen Rede, Agnes Barton, Alice Metcalfe, Beatrice Hargill, Isabel Creik, Margery Browne, Joan Andrewe, Sithe Cootes, and Alice Thornewton, late nuns there.

And with 59*s.* for a corrody to Edward Harlynge, Chaplain. (Minister's Account, 4644.)

8 April, 7 Edward VI. (1553).

GRANT to George Gale,¹ Esq., and Mary his wife of the site of Wilberfoss Priory, with lands in Newton, for 615*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* (Palmer's "Index," p. 105.)

WOODKIRK.² CELL TO THE AUGUSTINE PRIORY OF NOSTELL.

William, Earl of Warren, Ralph L'Isle and William his son, having given the Church of St. Mary here to the Priory of

¹ George Gale, goldsmith, of York, M.P.; Lord Mayor of York, 1534 and 1539. He died 12 July 1556; buried in the Minster. His wife was Mary, daughter of Robert Lord of Kendal. Her sister, Elizabeth Lord, was the last Prioress, and died at York 1550-1. (Skaife's "Corpus Christi Guild," Surtees Society, 174.) The Gales afterwards became owners of Scruton, near Bedale, and were progenitors of a long line, including Roger Gale, the antiquary, and Thomas Gale, the author of "Registrum de Honori de Richmond." The last of the family, Henry Gale, died in 1821, leaving a daughter who married Colonel Coore.

² Woodkirk, or West Ardsley, is a parish in the Wapentake of Agbrigg, six miles from Wakefield and Dewsbury. The Church is considered by Dr.

Nostell, temp. Henry I., some black canons from thence were placed here. (Tanner's "Notitia," 654.)

VALUATION.—47*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 64.)

ACCOUNT of all the bailiffs, reeves, collectors, etc., for the late Monastery of St. Oswald with its cells, Mich. 33 (1541) to Mich. 34 (1542) Henry VIII.

The late cell of Woodkirk in the county of York.

ACCOUNT of Sir Henry Savell,¹ knight, farmer there.

[Arrears: none, as appears at the foot of the preceding account.]

He answers for 47*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, for the farm of the whole cell, with all the lands, tenements, tithes and profits thereto belonging, as demised to him by indenture, besides 8*s.* paid to the Archbishop for procurations and synodals, 6*s.* 8*d.* to Sir John Wentworth, knight, 26*s.* 8*d.* to Thomas Grice, steward there, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to Thomas Beamond, bailiff.

No wood has been sold during the period of this account in the parish of Woodkirk, in the woods and coppices called Falle Woode, Master Ynge or Shavynrode, or the coppice in Presteflatte; and no perquisites of court have accrued during the period. (Minister's Account, 4879.)

12 April, 7 Edward VI. (1553).

GRANT of Woodkirk belonging to St. Oswald's to Lord Talbot.²

Whitaker to have been both conventual and parochial. It has lately been restored. The grounds seem to have been extensive. The cloister court was on the north side, now completely destroyed. The remains of large reservoirs for the canons' fish are very conspicuous in the valley beneath, and may have been used also for a corn mill. (Whitaker's "Leeds.")

¹ Sir Henry Savile, Knt., of Thornhill, died 25 April 1558.

² He would be probably George, Lord Talbot (eldest son of Francis, 5th Earl), who became 6th Earl of Shrewsbury. The 5th Earl had the chief management of the Savile property for many years. It may have been by a family arrangement that Woodkirk came into the Howley branch of the Saviles, where it remained till all their estates passed to the Earls of Cardigan. The Countess of Cardigan is the present patroness of Woodkirk Church.

WYKEHAM.¹ CISTERCIAN NUNNERY.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Founded by Pain Fitz-Osbert or de Wickham about 1253. (Tanner's "Notitia," 666.)

VALUATION.—25*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 145.)

SURRENDER.—21 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—Kath. Nandyke, Prioress, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, Agnes Thomlynson 46*s.* 8*d.*, Emma Buttry 53*s.* 4*d.*, Alice Sorell, Isabel Nendyk, Anne Seloo, 33*s.* 4*d.* each, Ellen Kereston, Felicia Chapman, Kath. Gayle, Joan Kyrby, Eliz. Gyll, Joan Barthwayt, and Eliz. Peyrey, nuns, 26*s.* 8*d.* each. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 359b.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 55*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* received from Christopher Nendike, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory, for this year.

He has paid an annuity of 13*s.* 4*d.* to Christopher Nendyke, Clerk of the Court belonging to the said late Priory. And 8*l.* to Ralph Harrington and Nicholas Robynson, Chaplains in the Chantry founded in the parish Church there, for the soul of John Wykehame, in addition to a dwelling-house, four cottages and land in Brompton Felde, etc. (Ministers' Accounts, 4644.)²

10 Sept., 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

REQUEST by Francis Poole to purchase the site and demesnes of the late Monastery of Wykeham. (Deputy Keeper's 9th Report.)

15 Feb., 35 Henry VIII. (1543-4).

GRANT to Francis Poole the King's servant, the site of the late Priory of Wykeame, and its lands in the parish, and a

¹ Seven miles from Scarborough. There is an account of the buildings in "Twelve Yorkshire Priors," by Wm. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 325).

² The Prioress was bound by an agreement to find book, bell, chalice, vestments, and all necessities for the said chapel, wine, wax, and "syngyng-breade" only excepted.

grange called Wykeame Grange, leased to Edw. Dakyns, which were in the occupation of the Prioress. (Calendar, xix., 1.)

LICENCE to Francis Poole and Katherine to alienate to Richard Huchenson and Ellen his wife, Wykeham Manor.¹

24 April, 38 Henry VIII (1546).

GRANT to William Ramsden of Longley² and Richard Vavasour of Ripon, the Rectory of Wykham, with the advowson and tithes in the Prioress' hands at the dissolution, afterwards leased to Geo. Dakyns. (Calendar, xxi., 1.)

2 May, 1546.

LICENCE to Wm. Ramsden and Richard Vavasour to alienate the rectory and vicarage leased to Geo. Dakyns.

YEDDINGHAM.³ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Mary.

Roger or Heliwisia de Clere founded before 1168, 9 Henry II., a small monastery for eight or nine Benedictine nuns. (Burton's "Monasticon," 285.)

VALUATION.—21*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v., p. 144.)

POSSESSIONS.—The Churches of Yeddingham⁴ and Sinnington.⁵

¹ Richard Hutchinson died 1559-60. Wykeham Abbey continued in the family through several generations. Boynton Hutchinson changed his name to Langley, and his son Richard Langley left his estates to his cousin, the Honourable Marmaduke Dawnay, from whom they have come to the present Viscount Downe.

² He was a great speculator in abbey lands.

³ Called also Little-Mareis or De Parvo Marisco. In the Wapentake of Buckrose, nine miles from Malton, thirteen miles from Scarborough. There is an account of it in "Twelve Small Yorkshire Priors," by Wm. Brown, F.S.A. ("Yorks Arch. Journal," ix., 206.)

⁴ Present patron, Earl Fitzwilliam.

⁵ Present patron, Mrs. Kendall.

SURRENDER.—20 Aug., 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—Agnes Bradrigge, Prioress, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, Agnes Butterfelde, Kath. Flecher 40*s.*, Alice Pecocke, Johanna Foster, Anne Pecocke, Eliz. Fermam, Joan Orton, and Eliz. Sutton, nuns, 26*s.* 8*d.* each. (Augmentation Books, vol. 234, p. 353.)

ACCOUNT of Leonard Bekwith, Esq., the King's particular Receiver, Mich. 33 to Mich. 34 Henry VIII.

He answers for 44*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* received from John Bekwith, collector of the rents and farms belonging to the said late Priory for this year.

He credits himself with payment of 33*s.* for corrodies to John Pykeringe and Agnes his wife, Richard Dobson and Maud his wife. (Ministers' Accounts, 4644.)

20 Jan., 31 Henry VIII. (1539-40).

LEASE to William Thwaytes of Lownde upon the Wold of Yeddingham Priory, lately dissolved, with tithes of Synnyngton Rectory and Yeddingham Rectory and messuages in Yeddingham, Eberston, and Swaynton in Pyckeringlyth for 21 years. (Augmentation Books, vol. 212, p. 58.)

26 July, 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

GRANT to Robert Holgate *alias* Halgate, Bishop of Llandaff, of the reversion and rent reserved on a Crown lease to Wm. Thwaytes of Lound-upon-the-Wolde, 20 Jan., 31 Henry VIII., of the site, etc., of Yeddingham Nunnery and its demesnes. (Calendar, xviii., i., 542.)

30 Aug., 36 Henry VIII. (1544).

GRANT in fee to Robert Holgate, Bishop of Llandaff, King's Counsellor, of the rectories with tithes of Yeddingham¹ and Synnyngton. (Calendar, xix., ii., 85.)

17 March, 3 P. and 4 M. (1556-7).

GRANT to the master, brothers and sisters of the Hospital of Hemsworth, of the house, Church, campanile and lands of the Priory of Yeddingham. (Palmer's "Index," p. 142.)

¹ The advowson of Yeddingham passed through various hands till it came to the Marquis of Rockingham, from whom it came to its present patron, Earl Fitzwilliam. (Lawton, 286.)

CLEMENTHORPE OR ST. CLEMENT'S, YORK.¹ BENEDICTINE NUNNERY.

Dedicated to St. Clement.

Founded by Archbishop Thurston about 1130.

POSSESSIONS.—Churches of Horton in Ribblesdale, Bishopthorpe.²

VALUATION.—55*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus, vol. v. p. 2.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list as under 200*l.* per annum. There were a prioress and thirteen nuns. (Tanner.)

SURRENDER.—13 June 1536, the Commissioners arrived, and on 31 Aug. the nuns were turned out.

28 Henry VIII. (1536-7).

PENSION.—Isabel or Elizabeth Warde 10 marks. (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 20.)

ACCOUNT by the Receiver.

He charges himself with 66*s.* 6*d.*, part of 6*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, the price of "le plate," and other jewels there, as appears by the inventory, signed by Dame Elizabeth Warde, late Prioress. Also with 67*s.* 4*d.*, the residue of the price of "le plate," sold by the Prioress, between the survey and the suppression, viz., one chalice of silver gilt, weighing 12 oz., 44*s.*; one silver cup, weighing 5 oz., 16*s.* 8*d.*; two "owches" of silver gilt, weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 20*d.*; and 3 "birraff glasses" with relics enclosed in silver, 5*s.* Also with 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the price of the lead on the roof of the Church and other houses. And with 17*s.*, the price of 3 small bells hanging in the belfry. And with 40*s.* 8*d.*,

¹ On the west side of the river, opposite the Priory of St. Andrew. A small part of the ruins yet remains, and in the adjoining field is a very fine spring of clear water, probably resorted to by the nuns. (Hargrove's "York," 1818.) "One of the most favoured sanctuaries of the widow and the orphan." (Canon Raine.)

² At the dissolution Bishopthorpe came to the Crown, but by Act of Parliament, 20 George II., it was restored to the Archbishop by exchange. (Lawton, 54.)

the price of grain in the granary at the time of the survey, expended by the Prioress. Also with 4*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, the value of the rest of the goods and chattels specified in the said inventory, sold to William Maunsell, farmer of the site of the Priory, with 40*l.* increase. Total, 71*l.* 4*s.*, with 10*l.* increase.

He charges himself with 24*l.* 18*s.* of the issues of the said Priory, due at St. Martin in the Winter (as above), as appears by the account of Ralph Bekwith, collector of the rents there. Also with 32*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* due at Whitsuntide, and received and expended by Dame Elizabeth Warde, late Prioress there, with 4*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* received at the time of the removal. Also with 4*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* received by the accountant from the same Ralph Bekwith of the issues of his office this year. Total, 61*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

13 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to William Maunsell of Huntyngton of the site of Clementhorpe Priory. (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 71*b.*)

20 April, 33 Henry VIII. (1542).

GRANT to Edward Skipwith, Clementhorpe Priory. (Palmer's "Index," p. 36.)

1 May, 34 Henry VIII. (1542).

LICENCE to Edward Skypwyth and Margaret his wife to alienate the Priory of Clementhorpe, etc., to Sir Arthur Darcy and Mary his wife. (Calendar, xvii., 362.)

2 May, 35 Henry VIII. (1543).

LICENCE to Sir Arthur Darcy and Mary his wife to alienate the house, etc., of Clementhorpe and lands there to Richard Goldthorp¹ and Joan his wife. (Calendar, xviii., i., 360.)

41 and 42 Elizabeth (1599).

FINE.—Lawrence Wade and George Rosse, plaintiffs, and Richard Goldethorpe and Lucy his wife, deforciant. The house and site of the late Priory of Clementhorpe and messuages there, etc. (Yorks Rec. Ser., viii., 126.)

¹ Richard Goldthorpe, haberdasher; Lord Mayor, 1556; M.P., York, 1558-9; died 16 March 1559-60; buried York Minster. (Skaife's "Corpus Christi Guild," Surt. Soc., p. 232.)

HOLY TRINITY, YORK.¹ BENEDICTINE PRIORY.

Dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

In the west part of York was a Church dedicated to the Holy Trinity, in which were formerly canons endowed with lands, but these being dispersed and their house almost ruined, Ralph Painell, or Paganell, by the favor of William the Conqueror, got possession of it, and in 1089 gave it to the monks of St. Martin Marmonstier, at Tours in France, who made it a cell to that abbey. Upon the dissolution of these alien Priories this was made denison, 4 Henry VI. (Tanner's "Notitia," 641.)

POSSESSIONS.—Churches given by Ralph Paganell. Holy Trinity, York, St. Helen's in Fishergate, All Saints in North Street, St. Bridget's in Micklegate, St. James' Chapel, Bilbrough Free Chapel, Adel, Barton in Rydale, Crambe, a Mediety, Hoton in Bilsham, Holbeck Chapel, Leeds, Monkton, Newton, St. Helen's, Thuruscoe, with Churches in Lincolnshire. (Lawton's "Religious Houses," 49.)

VALUATION.—169*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*

SUPPRESSION.—In the list under 200*l.* per annum.

SURRENDER.—Before 11 Feb., 29 Henry VIII. (1537-8). (Calendar, xiii., ii., 502.)

PENSIONS.—Richard Speyght, Prior, 22*l.* (Augmentation Books, vol. 232, p. 34*b.*)

ACCOUNT of the Receiver.

Charge of the sums due to the abovesaid houses at the time of their dissolution.

He charges himself with 7*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, part of 36*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*

¹ In Micklegate. This Priory stood in the gardens, yet called Trinity Gardens. The circuit of the ground is very extensive, being bounded by Micklegate in front, by Trinity Lane on the east, the city walls on the west, and its own wall on the south. (Hargrove's "York.") The remains consist of a gateway and part of the gatehouse over it. (York vol. of the Archaeological Institute, 1848, which also contains a long history of the Priory.)

due from farmers of certain lands, at the time of the survey for the half year, payable at Whitsuntide, 28 Henry VIII., viz., from John Abbotte 28s. 4d., the Abbot of Fountains 46s. 8d., Wraye of Clifford 5s., Master . . . Vavasor of Hesilwoode 5s., the wife of Grene of Bramham 2s., Rawson of Cleyton and Firkeley 2s., the Prioress of Hampalle 12d., Monketon of Knapton 12d., Gill of Acome 7d., Richard Oglisthorpe 8d., from divers persons for rents in the city of York 66s. 8d. The remainder, viz., 28l. 10s., is due for arrears, viz., from Richard Oglisthorpe 16d., Sir Henry Everingham, knight, 4l. 13s. 4d., Edward Jakson 33s. 4d., the Vicar of Ledes 10s., John Gascoyne and Ellis, executors of John Vavasor of Skarburgh 20l., John Hill, butcher, 20s., and John Petty 12s.

Goods and chattels, late belonging to all and singular the abovesaid late Priories, now suppressed and dissolved. But he charges himself with 17l. 18s. 4d., the price of "le Plate" and other jewels, parcel of the goods late belonging to this Priory, as appears by an inventory thereof, subscribed by the hand of the aforesaid Richard Spight, late Prior, and remaining with the Auditor, so valued by Sir Marmaduke Constable and Sir Roger Cholmeley, knights, and other Royal Commissioners. Also with 43l. 6s. 8d., the price of the lead on the roofs of the Church and other houses there. Also with 26l. 13s. 4d., the price of the six bells hanging in the belfry. Also with 44s., the price of the grain remaining in the granary there, at the time of the survey of this Priory, and expended by the Prior. Also with 118s., the price of divers goods sold and expended by the Prior, between the days of the survey and the suppression, viz., four oxen 53s. 4d.; articles of husbandry, 20s.; forty-eight pieces of "pewter," 22s. 6d.; sundry other goods, 22s. 2d. Also with 35s. 2d., the increase in the price of the last said goods and chattels, charged as above, and sold and expended by the Prior at a higher rate, viz., on four oxen charged at 53s. 4d., and sold for 4l. 6s. 8d., 33s. 8d.; likewise on the articles of husbandry, 22d. Also with 68s. 8d., the price of goods sold and expended by the said Prior, and not charged in the said inventory, viz., 66s. 8d., the price of a "goblett," with a cover and a reliquary [*? reliqua*] parcel gilt, and 2s. for a piece of lead. And he charges himself voluntarily with 28l. 5s. 2d., received from himself for the residue of the goods and chattels specified in the said inventory, appraised by the said Commissioners, and sold to him, together with 53s. 4d., the price of a pair of organs not charged in the inventory. Total, 129l. 9s. 4d., with 7l. 17s. 2d. increase.

15 July, 28 Henry VIII. (1536).

LEASE to Leonard Beckwith¹ of Styllingflete, of tithes of Drynghouses, Knapton, Bylbrughe and Standwith, oblations in St. Nicholas Church, York, and a croft called Morcroft, belonging to the Holy Trinity. (Augmentation Books, vol. 209, p. 5b.)

15 Oct., 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT to Tho^s Culpeper² in fee of the advowson of the Parish Church of Leeds, which belonged to the dissolved monastery of Holy Trinity, York, to hold by the hundredth part of a knight's fee. (Calendar, xiii., ii., 282.)

9 May, 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

GRANT to Sir Arthur Darcy, the Manors of Stirton, Conyngethorp, and lands there, and in Ledes, Holbekke, Awstrop, Secrofte, Kirkestell, Wortelaye, Thornewell and Morelay, possessions of Holy Trinity, York. (Calendar, xiii., i., 409.)

23 April, 34 Henry VIII. (1541).

Leonard Beckwith requests to purchase the site of the chapel of St. James', York. (Deputy Keeper's 9th Report, 166.)

6 March, 34 Henry VIII. (1542-3).

GRANT to Leonard Bekwith and Elizabeth his wife, the house and site of the late Priory of Holy Trinity in York, with all buildings, etc., a windmill, and the chapel of St. James', near York, belonging to the Priory. (Calendar, xviii., part 1.)

¹ Probably Sir Leonard Beckwith of Selby, High Sheriff of Yorkshire 1551; buried in York Minster. He was a great trafficker in abbey lands, and had also a grant of Selby Abbey, which his son Roger sold.

² His son Alexander Culpeper sold it. (Thoresby's "Vicaria Leodiensis," 43.)

ST. ANDREW, YORK.¹ SEMPRINGHAM OR
GILBERTINE PRIORY.

Dedicated to St. Andrew.

Founded about 1200 by Hugh Murdac, near the parish Church of St. Andrew, for twelve Canons of the Sempringham order. (Tanner's "Notitia," 679.)

SUPPRESSION.—In the list under 200*l.* per annum.

VALUATION.—47*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*

28 Nov., 30 Henry VIII. (1538).

SURRENDER by the Prior and convent, the house and all its possessions in England. Signed by John Lepyngton. (Deputy Keeper's 8th Report.)

8 April, 31 Henry VIII. (1539).

PENSIONS.—John Lepyngton, Prior, 10*l.*, W^m Bysset, Leonard Sharpe, and John Hogeson, 4*l.* each. (Augmentation Books, vol. 233, p. 127.)

ACCOUNT of William Blitheman, the King's Receiver, of sales, etc., on the dissolution of certain monasteries (surrendered between September and January, 30 Henry VIII.).

Priory of St. Andrew of the Gilbertine Order at York.

ACCOUNT of the said William Blitheman upon the dissolution made there 28 Nov., 30 Henry VIII.

[Arrears: none, because this is the first account.]

Sale of goods and chattels.	}	He answers for 34 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> , the price of all the vestments in the vestry there found at the dissolution of the said house, and sold as a whole to Richard Gowthrop; and for 29 <i>s.</i> , the price of all the stuff and ornaments found in the Church there, sold to the said Richard, except one clock reserved to the King's use; and for 33 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> , the price of all the kitchen utensils, sold as above; and 8 <i>s.</i> for 8 bushels of corn in the granary, sold as above; and 16 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> for the utensils in the brew-house, sold as above; and 12 <i>d.</i> for divers vessels found in the "law buttry"; and 23 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> for vessels in the melting-house (<i>domo ustrina</i>); and

¹ Leland says it stood exactly opposite the Nunnery of Clementhorpe. No remains of the Priory are now to be seen, not even so much as to mark the site of the ancient building. (Hargrove's "York.")

20s. for divers furnishings found in a chamber called the "Priors dynyng Chambre," sold to the said Richard; and 7s. 4d. for stuff found in the "upper Buttrey," sold to the said Richard; and 16d. for a "Materesse" late being in the "Inner Chambre"; and 8s. for the furniture of the "Gest Chambre," sold to the said Richard; and 8d. for one old "Mattresse" found in the "Law parlor," sold to the late Prior's butler. Total, 9l. 3s.

Sale of lead } He does not answer for the price of 3 "fothers"
and bells. } of lead from that part of the roof over the
"Ielez" of the Church there, because it was not
pulled down, but reserved to the King's use till his pleasure be
known; nor for the price of two bells in the belfry there,
reserved in like manner.

Sale of jewels. } Nor does he answer for the value of 32 ounces
of jewels found by the King's Commissioners
at the dissolution, to wit, one chalice there mixed with lead,
because it was received by the said Blitheman to be delivered to
the Treasurer of the Lord the King. Total of the receipts, 9l. 3s.

Whereof he accounts in payments to John Lepyngton, late
Prior there, 53s. 4d., William Bissell 26s. 8d., Leonard Sherp
26s. 8d., and John Hodsheson 26s. 8d. Total of payments,
6l. 13s. 4d. (Ministers' Accounts, 7452.)

6 July, 33 Henry VIII. (1541).

GRANT to Thomas, Earl of Rutland, and Robert Turwitt,
the chief mess. in Sandhutton in tenure of Thomas Aske,
belonging to St. Andrew's. (Calendar, xvi., 506.)

8 Dec., 33 Henry VIII. (1541).

LICENCE to alienate it to Sir Arthur Darcy. (Calendar,
xvi., 696.)

10 Dec., 37 Henry VIII. (1545).

GRANT in fee to John Broxholme and John Bellowe, the
site of the late Priory of St. Andrew, York, with "le orteyarde"
and lands in tenure of Ric. Gowthorpe. (Calendar, xx., ii.,
535.)

2 July, 38 Henry VIII. (1546).

LICENCE to Sir Arthur Darcy to alienate to Ant. Thorpe
of Connesthorpe, Hallgrange in Bugthorp par., belonging to
St. Andrew's. (Calendar, xxi.)

APPENDIX.

LIST OF YORKSHIRE MONASTERIES EXISTING
AT THE TIME OF THE DISSOLUTION.

BENEDICTINE ABBEYS.

	Dates of Surrender.
Selby Abbey (Mitred)	1539, 6 Dec.
Cell, Snaith	
Whitby Abbey	1539, 14 Dec.
Cell, Middlesborough.	
„ Hackness.	
„ All Saints, Fishergate, York.	
St. Mary's Abbey, York (Mitred)	1539, 29 Dec.
Cell, St. Martin's, Richmond	1539, <i>circ.</i>
Holy Trinity Priory, York	1537-8, <i>circ.</i>

BENEDICTINE NUNNERIES.

Arden	Priory	1536.
Arthington	„	1539, 26 Nov.
Handale	„	1539, 23 Aug.
Marrick	„	1539, 15 Sept.
Molesby	„	1538, before 10 Oct.
Nunburnholme	„	1537.
Nun-Monkton	„	1536.
Nunkeeling	„	1539, 10 Sept.
Rosedale	„	1538, before 10 Oct.
Thickhead	„	1539, 27 Aug.
Wilberfoss	„	1539, 20 Aug.
Yeddingham	„	1539, 20 Aug.
York, St. Clement's or Clementhorpe Priory .		1536.

CISTERCIAN ABBEYS.

Byland	Abbey	1538, 30 Nov.
Fountains	„	1539, 23 Nov.
Jervaulx	„	Seized 1537.
Kirkstall	„	1539, 22 Nov.
Meaux	„	1539, 11 Dec.
Rievaulx	„	1538, 3 Dec.
Roche	„	1538, 23 Nov.
Sawley	„	1536, <i>circ.</i>

CISTERCIAN NUNNERIES.

	Dates of Surrender.
Basedale Priory	1539, 24 Aug.
Ellerton-on-Swale Priory	1538, before.
Esholt "	1539, 29 Aug.
Hampole "	1539, 19 Nov.
Keldhoune "	1536.
Kirklees "	1539, 24 Nov.
Nun-Appleton "	1539, 5 Dec.
Swine "	1539, 9 Sept.
Synningthwaite "	1536.
Wykeham "	1539, 21 Aug.

PREMONSTRATENSIAN ABBEYS.

Coverham Abbey	1536.
Easby (St. Agatha's) "	1536.
Eggleston "	1539-40, 5 Jan.

GILBERTINE OR SEMPRINGHAM PRIORIES.

Ellerton-on-Spalding Moor Priory	1538, 11 Dec.
Old Malton "	1539, 11 Dec.
Walton "	1539, 9 Dec.
York, St. Andrew's, Fishergate "	1538, 28 Nov.
Ovington "	

CARTHUSIAN PRIORIES.

Kingston-on-Hull Priory	1539, 9 Nov.
Mountgrace "	1539, 18 Dec.

CLUNIAN PRIORIES.

Monk Bretton Priory	1538, 21 Nov.
Pontefract "	1540, 23 Nov.

TRINITARIAN FRIARY.

Knaresborough	1538, 1 Dec.
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ALIEN PRIORIES.

Grosmont Priory	1539, Aug.
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AUGUSTIN PRIORIES.

Bolton Priory	1538, 29 Nov.
Bridlington "	Seized 1537.
Drax "	1536.

		Dates of Surrender.
Ferriby	Priory	1536.
Guisborough	"	1539, 22 Dec.
Haltemprice	"	1536 or 1537.
Healaugh Park	"	1536.
Kirkham	"	1538, 8 Dec.
Marton	"	1535-6, 9 Feb.
Newburgh	"	1538-9, 22 Jan.
Nostell	"	1539, 20 Nov.
	Cell, Skewkirk	1539.
	" Woodkirk	1539.
Warter Priory	1536.

SUMMARY.

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Alien	1	—	—
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N.B.—This list does not include the large Hospital of St. Leonard's, York, with other hospitals, the friaries, preceptories, chantries.

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